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Prisoner Linked to Crime by Note He Tried to Send From His Cell

WATCH TAKEN BY BANDITS IS FOUND IN APARTMENT

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 8 (AP).—Chief of Detectives Eugene E. Bryant announced today a man booked as Charles Call, twenty-seven, of Brooklyn, N. Y., had confessed being one of two masked bandits who robbed Mrs. Margaret Bell of jewels said valued at $250,000 in the Miami Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, January 26.

Bryant said the prisoner had named his accomplice, who is believed to have escaped to New York with the jewels and that this information had been sent to New York police.

The man was arrested last Saturday on a charge of stealing bicycles and was sentenced to thirty days in the Miami Beach jail. Chief Bryant said a note the man attempted to slip outside was intercepted and this supplied information on which the purported confession was obtained.

Mrs. Bell, wife of a retired New York stock broker, and her friend, Harry Content, a New York broker, apparently were followed from the casino at Hialeah Park, where Mrs. Bell had worn the jewels, to her ... in the hotel.

... Watch Is Recovered

... young men with pistols and handkerchiefs over their faces, bound and robbed them.

Chief Bryant said a watch answering the description of one Content ... had been found along with a chapter of the robbery in ... Bryant said ... the prisoner's ... in ... Bryant said ... confession ... placed ... Bell's ... Bell ... Mr. ... company ... [illegible]

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NEW YORK AMERICAN

THIEVES GIVE UP $185,000 JEWELRY LOOT

Property Stolen from Mrs. Bell, of New York, in Florida, Mysteriously Returned to Officer

MIAMI BEACH, March 18 (AP).—Detective Chief Bryant tonight found himself mysteriously in possession of jewelry valued at $185,000, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, of New York, by two masked bandits who walked into her Miami Biltmore Hotel suite, Jan. 26.

Bryant reported finding the loot in an envelope when he returned to his car, parked outside a beach hotel, where he had gone with han insurance company detective in response to an anonymous telephone call. He said:

"The call summoned us to the hotel for an unstated purpose, but the desk clerks knew nothing of the call. We tried without success to trace it. When we got to the car, there was the jewelry in black paper on the seat."

2 Suspects Held

Nicholas Mentone, 25, and Charles Call, 27, both of New York, are held here in default of $50,000 bond each, on Grand Jury indictments charging them with the crime.

Mrs. Bell, the former Margaret Hawkesworth, popular New York ballroom dancer, has since purchased a home here on an island in Biscayne Bay.

The robbery occurred at the cocktail hour. Mrs. Bell, whose husband is a retired New York broker, and Harry Content, active New York broker, were bound and robbed in her sitting room, the bandits escaping unnoticed.

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Wednesday, March 20, 1935 N.Y. DAILY MIRROR

Sleuth Flies South—She Gets Jewels



(Mirror)

It took Noel Scaffa, famous I'll-get-'em-back-for-you sleuth, to contact the underworld and return to Mrs. Margaret H. Bell the $185,000 in gems stolen from her during a holdup. She's shown here with Harry Content, attorney, who was with her when the crime was perpetrated.

SCAFFA'S FLIGHT WINS BACK GEMS

Special Dispatch to the Daily Mirror

MIAMI, March 19.—A whispered request for a conference with a famous New York sleuth; an airplane flight by that sleuth from New York to Miami; a secret conference in a jail cell; three days of waiting, and——

The $185,000 in gems, stolen from Mrs. Margaret H. Bell, wife of a wealthy New York broker, when she and Harry Content, an attorney, were bound and gagged in an apartment in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, were found in the seat of a police automobile, parked outside of a local hostelry.



Noel Scaffa

And so, for the moment, at least, the matter rests.

The sleuth is Noel Scaffa, said to have closer underworld contacts than any other private detective who ever lived here to confer with Nicholas (Little Nicky) Montone, Brooklyn gangster, in response to a hurry-up telegram. Scaffa, as inscrutable as always, refused yesterday to discuss the case.

Montone was arrested in New York on Feb. 8, after Charles Cali, 27, a parachute jumper, caught stealing a bicycle, had tried to mail him a letter advising him to dispose of a watch taken from Content during the holdup.

Montone, taken into custody by Detectives Fitzgerald and McNamara, of the New York police, who trapped Harry Sitamore, the world's most notorious jewel thief, here three years ago, confessed to his part in the robbery.

Waiving extradition, he was flown back here and police immediately arrested Patsy Dyke, a New York East Side hoodlum, who was employed here by Al Howard in his swanky new Kentucky Club.

Howard too was questioned [illegible]

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NEW YORK SUN, MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1935.

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Gem Clews Sought

New York city detectives today are running down clews which may connect Nick Montone, being held by the Miami police in connection with the $246,000 jewel robbery in the suites of Mrs. J. E. Bell, and Harry Coditent, in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel on last January 26. Montone and Charles Call were arrested and the latter was sentenced to eight years in jail. The charge against Montone was nol-prossed. A few days after Montone's arrest, Noel Scaffa, gem retriever, appeared in Miami, and a few days later the police received a mysterious telephone call which led to the recovery of the jewels.

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NEW YORK SUNDAY NEWS
APR. 21, 1935.

SCAFFA MAKES MYSTERY VISIT TO JURY ROOM

Hoel Scaffa, private sleuth and ac[illegible]viever of "hot ice," made a surprise four-hour appearance before an extraordinary session of the Federal Grand Jury yesterday.

He emerged as silent as the Sphinx, despite persistent reports that the subject of his visit was the return of $246,000 in gems snatched from Mrs. J. E. Bell and Harry Content in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.

"I have absolutely nothing to say," Scaffa, whose office is at 111 John St., emphatically declared as he airily waved reporters to one side.

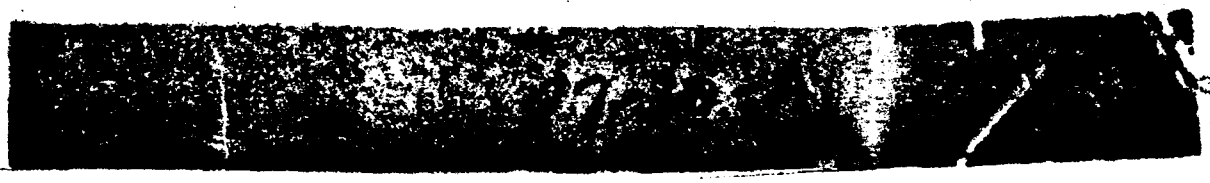
Chief Assistant United States Attorney Francis W. H. Adams, who admitted this was the first time he ever recollected a Federal Grand Jury meeting on a Saturday, was equally uncommunicative.

"No further witnesses will be called until Monday," Adams finally stated. "Beyond that, I can't say anything for the present."

From other sources, however, it was learned that Department of Justice agents have been making an investigation to determine the Bell-Content jewels had been transported by the snatch-artists from Florida to New York City.

Little Nickey Montone, 25,—who incidentally was identified by both Mrs. Bell and the New York broker—was released when the gems were returned, only to be tossed back into the cell as protests piled up against such leniency.

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SCAFFA, GEM SLEUTH, FACES ANOTHER QUIZ



Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue | Noel Scaffa | Mrs. J. E. Bell

The discreet jewel sleuth and two of the women whose vanished jewels he succeeded in recovering.

Authorities Wrathful Over Mystery Coups.

Noel Scaffa, the discreet little sleuth whose work has retrieved $3,000,000 in vanished gems for anguished ladies of wealth, will be the subject of more Federal Grand Jury whispering today.

Scaffa's knack of making departed jewels appear from nowhere—and usually just when the police have thrown up their hands in despair—has been brewing trouble for him ever since the day in 1925 when Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue's $683,000 sparklers turned up after every one had abandoned hope for them.

His latest triumph, the mysterious return of $236,000 in gems snatched in a robbery at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel from Mrs. J. E. Bell, former New York society dancer, and Harry Content, New York broker, has brought down the wrath, not only of the Miami cops, but also of the Department of Justice, which does not approve of Scaffa's methods of permitting crooks and their fences to escape punishment.

Summoned by U. S.

Only a few days after he returned from Miami Beach he was summoned to the Department of Justice offices in the Federal Building, 641 Lexington Ave., [illegible]

even though Mrs. Bell and Content both identified him, was tossed back into the clink. Saturday the Grand Jury held its first Saturday session in years and Scaffa was the only visitor.

Chief Assistant United States Attorney Francis W. H. Adams declined to dilate on the reason for Scaffa's appearance, but he did reveal that more witnesses concerned with the same matter which brought Scaffa in would be questioned today. The Department of Justice has been interested in learning whether the Bell-Content jewels had been transported from Florida to New York City.

Authorities Nettled.

The spectacular manner in which the jewels reappeared—sealed in a manila package, dropped on the seat of Detective Chief Gene Bryant's car—infuriated not only the Miami cops, but also Assistant Chief Inspector John J. Sullivan of New York.

An hour before Sullivan swooped down on Montone's mid-town hotel to arrest him at the request of Miami police, he found Scaffa already had been there. The ace sleuth had failed in some other eye to make the street, and this made the slap at Sullivan even more stinging.

Once before, when Scaffa used his miraculous powers too freely, the New York County Grand Jury indicted [illegible] Grand Jury [illegible]

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NEW YORK POST, MONDAY, APRIL 2[illegible]

Scaffa Under U[illegible]ire in Gem Theft

AID IN RETURN OF $185,000 IN JEWELS SIFTED

Detective Participated in Recovery of Bell Loot

FIGURED IN DONAHUE CASE NINE YEARS AGO

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NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1935.

SCAFFA QUIZZED IN BELL ROBBERY

U. S. Seeks Evidence of Possible Law Violation in Miami Jewel Recovery.

The activities of Noel G. Scaffa, private detective, of 111 John St., in the mysterious recovery of $246,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell in a Miami hotel holdup January 26, were being investigated today by the Federal Grand Jury here.

Representing the underwriters of $185,000 of insurance on Mrs. Bell's gems, Mr. Scaffa recovered the jewels by negotiation, according to Department of Justice agents investigating the case. Mr. Scaffa has appeared before the Grand Jury which is seeking to determine if the law against interstate transportation of stolen property had been violated.

Two on Trial in Miami.

Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, captured soon after Mrs. Bell and Harry Content, both of New York, had been robbed in the fashionable Miami Biltmore Hotel, went on trial at Miami today charged with robbery while armed.

Previously Cali had been permitted to plead guilty to an unarmed robbery charge and a similar charge against Montone was dismissed. But recent federal investigation caused a revival of the original charges.

According to the Associated Press, federal authorities announced at Miami that the stolen gems had been recovered from a safety box station there and not, as previously reported, placed mysteriously in the automobile of a Miami Beach detective.

Inquiry has developed that Mr. Scaffa, who ten years ago recovered $200,000 worth of stolen jewels for Mrs. James P. Donahue, daughter of the late Frank W. Woodworth, and has performed similar feats in other cases, went to Miami on March 11, in response to a wire from Montone, and had a private interview with the prisoner.

Mr. Scaffa remained in Miami for three days, working on the case, the [illegible] March 13 and [illegible] after [illegible] of Department [illegible]

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NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 19

TWO GOING ON TRIAL IN BELL GEM ROBBERY

Accused of Using Weapons in Miami Hotel Theft—Complainant Said to Have Changed Story.

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, April 22.—As a sequel to what the Presiding Judge called a "very peculiar" case, Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali faced trial today, charged with armed robbery in a $246,300 jewel theft at a fashionable Coral Gables hotel.

When Cali recently was sentenced to eight years after pleading guilty to a charge of unarmed robbery, the Judge said that the case probably never would have been brought to court were it not for insurance on the jewelry.

The men are accused of robbing Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former New York dancer, in the Miami Biltmore Hotel. Detectives said that Mrs. Bell first told them the intruders were armed, and later said she did not know whether the men were armed.

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THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS UNCOVERED A JEWEL ROBBERY RACKETEERING ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATED FROM MAINE TO FLORIDA AND VICTIMIZED MANY RICH FAMILIES.

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U. S. OPERATIVES UPSET STORY OF STOLEN JEWELS

Gems Found in Safe Box Station, Not Detective's Car, They Say.

MIAMI MYSTERY IS SOLVED

Private Investigator Who Had Role in Hall Case Is Subpœnaed by Federal Jury Here.

MIAMI, April 22 (A. P.).—Federal authorities revealed today that $246,300 worth of jewelry, recently stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell of New York city, had been "recovered" from a safety lock box station here instead of being mysteriously returned to the automobile of a Miami Beach detective, as previously announced.

The revelation was made in a statement by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Identification of the Department of Justice in Washington and released through Federal agents which he assigned here to take charge of the investigation.

Two Charged With Robbery.

It was released shortly before court officials prepared to call to trial the case of Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, charged with the armed jewel robbery of the former New York dancer and her companion, Harry Content, a New York broker, in Mrs. Bell's suite at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in suburban Coral Gables on January 26.

The statement declared that the jewels were "recovered" by Eugene Bryant, a Miami Beach detective chief, from a safety lock box with a key supplied by Noel Scaffa, a New York private detective.

Bryant and C. Harrington, an associate of Scaffa, who accompanied Bryant when the jewels were returned, previously had told authorities that the jewels were found in a black envelope on the floor of their automobile, which they had parked outside a hotel, where they went to answer a mysterious telephone call.

Federal agents entered the jewel theft investigation largely to determine whether there had been interstate transportation of the jewels in violation of Federal

find the person supposed to have called him, he and the operative who had accompanied him returned to the car. On the floor he said he found a package, later discovered to contain the jewels.

On March 27 the charges against Monton were nol prossed on motion of Frederick Pine, the Prosecutor of Dade county, who said there was no evidence connecting Montone with the robbery. Cali was allowed to plead guilty to robbery, unarmed, and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Meanwhile the Federal agents were investigating a report that Montone had flown the stolen jewels to New York after the robbery, and later had returned them to Miami, when Cali was arrested. Scaffa, the agents said, was questioned and denied any knowledge of the manner in which the jewels were recovered by Bryant.

Story Is Called a Hoax.

The investigation revealed, however, Federal agents declare, that his story of the package in the car was a hoax. Scaffa himself, it says, delivered the key to a locked box of the American Locker Company to Bryant, and Bryant and a representative of Scaffa found the jewels in this box, wrapped in brown paper. The package, the statement continues, was taken to Scaffa's room in the Hotel Villa Nueste, where Scaffa checked over the contents of the package with a list of the stolen jewels. He then asked the Miami chief of detectives to conceal his part in the recovery of the gems.

As a result of the Federal inquiry, new charges were filed against Call and Montone, and a special prosecutor has been appointed to handle the case.

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JEWEL ROBBERY RACKET REVEALED

Federal Agents Accuse Private Detective in Theft at Miami.

BY REX COLLIER.

A national jewelry robbery racket, alleged to involve a well-known private detective agency, has been uncovered by a special squad assigned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate a $200,000 jewelry robbery in Miami last January.

As a result of the findings of this squad—which has been operating secretly out of headquarters here—there is being presented to a Federal grand jury in New York evidence which the Department of Justice expects to result in indictment of the head of the agency and other alleged conspirators.

The investigation, which has shuttled members of the squad from New York to Miami in recent weeks, is believed by officials to spell the end of a business with underworld connections that has cost robbery victims and insurance firms many thousands of dollars in recent years.

Accused By Agents.

The "private detective" is accused by the Federal agents of receiving from two men gems which they snatched from Mrs. Margaret Bell, wife of a former New York stock broker, in her room at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel on January 26. Mrs. Bell was bound face down to a cot while the men, with faces masked and guns drawn, stripped from her four pearl necklaces, two rings, a bracelet and a wrist watch—all of platinum and insured for $350,000, but worth less at present market prices.

The jewels were traced by the squad from Miami to New York and back to Miami, where, it is alleged, the private detective, after conferences with a jailed suspect and with a police official there, returned the jewels to Mrs. Bell through an intermediary.

A similar scheme is reported to have been worked by the same private detective in the famous Donahue jewel robbery in New York City several years ago. The motto of the racketeers, it is declared, was, "We'll return your stolen goods if you don't ask questions."

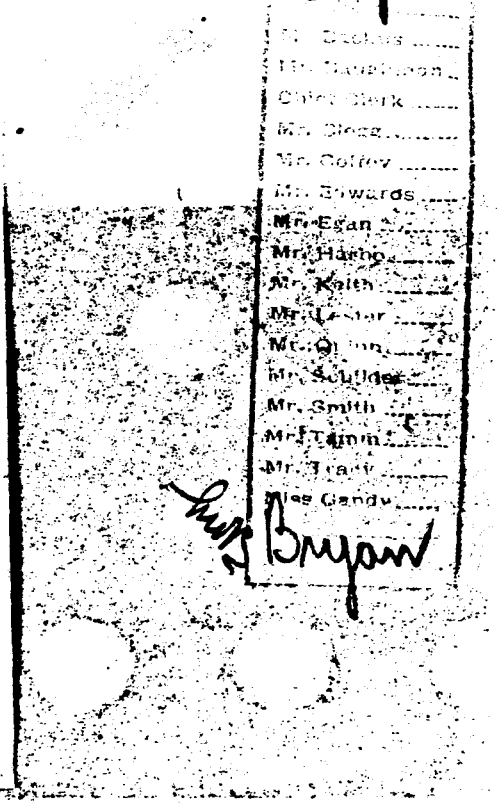
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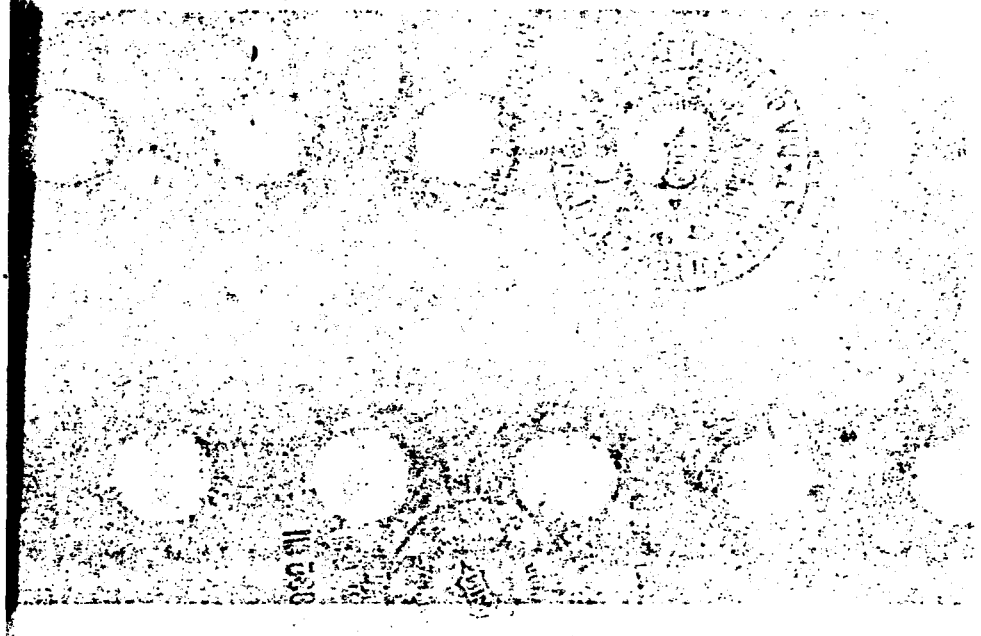
Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone, New York underworld characters, who are being tried in Miami on charges of perpetrating the robbery of Mrs. Bell, will be taken before the Federal grand jury in New York City as soon as the Miami proceedings are concluded.

A statement issued by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, disclosed that Mrs. Bell's jewels were "recovered" from a safety deposit box in Miami, and not from the parked automobile of Detective Chief Eugene Bryant of Miami, as heretofore announced.

It had been stated previously that Chief Bryant found the jewels in the bottom of his car after he had parked it in front of a hotel to keep a mysterious engagement made by phone with a man unknown to him. The man did not keep the appointment, but, it had been declared, the jewels were found when Bryant started to drive away.

According to Hoover's statement, however, the key to the lock box containing the jewels was turned over to Chief Bryant by the New York private detective on March 18 last, and Bryant, with C. Harrington, Miami representative of the New Yorker, opened the box and found the gems intact.





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Accuse Scaffa In Gem Theft

U.S. Says in Recovery

[illegible] Scaffa, the New York [illegible] sale detective who has made a fortune in rewards for his recovery of stolen jewels, was accused by the Federal Department of Justice today of misrepresenting the facts about the recovery of $245,000 in gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell in the swanky Miami Biltmore Hotel three months ago.

A Federal grand jury in New York is investigating the circumstances.

On Jan. 26 two men bound and gagged Mrs. Bell, a former dancer and present wife of a wealthy New York broker, and her companion, Harry Content, noted stock market plunger, stripped Mrs. Bell of her gems and robbed Mr. Content of his wristwatch and a small amount of cash.

Prisoner Confesses

A few days later detectives intercepted a letter written by Charles Call, a prisoner in the Miami Beach jail, and, acting on the information in the letter, raided Call's home

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found Mr. Content's watch. ...li confessed his part in the rob... and implicated Nicholas (Little ...ky) Montone of New York. The ...er was arrested in Manhattan ...e days later and he also con... ...ed. He said he had brought the ...l gems to New York in an air... ...ne.

Repudiates Confession

Montone later repudiated the con... ...ession after telling conflicting sto... ...ies about the disposition of the jew... ...3 was extradited to Florida ...o be tried with Call for robbery ...while armed, a crime which in Flor... ...da carries a maximum penalty of ...life imprisonment.

The Department of Justice charges ...that Scaffa, responding to a tele... ...gram from Montone, flew to Florida ...nd had a private interview with ...he prisoner.

Scaffa, according to the Depart... ...ment of Justice, worked on the case ...three days with his Miami agent, G. ...Harrington, and Eugene Bryant, ...Miami chief of detectives. Later ...Bryant announced that the gems ...had been found in his car after he ...had answered a mysterious tele... ...phone call summoning him to the ...Flamingo Hotel.

Found in Safety Box

The Department of Justice said the jewels actually were recovered from a lock box of the American Locker Company in a Miami rail... ...road station after Scaffa had sup... ...plied a key to the box.

Francis W. H. Adams, first assist... ...ant to United States Attorney Mar... ...tin Conboy, took charge of the in... ...vestigation of Scaffa's connection ...with the case this afternoon, having ...been named a Special Assistant At... ...torney General of the United States ...to probe jewel robberies and the ...method of recovering the loot from ...such thefts.

Scaffa Appeared

Mr. Adams explained that he was appointed because Mr. Conboy, some years ago, acted as attorney for Scaffa and therefore he was disqualified to act in the present case.

The grand jury investigation of jewel thefts, Mr. Adams said, was

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Accused By Agents.

The "private detective" is accused by the Federal agents of receiving from two men gems which they snatched from Mrs. Margaret Bell, wife of a former New York stock broker, in her room at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel on January 26. Mrs. Bell was bound face down to a cot while the men, with faces masked and guns drawn, stripped from her four pearl necklaces, two rings, a bracelet and a wrist watch—all of platinum and insured for $350,000, but worth less at present market prices.

The jewels were traced by the squad from Miami to New York and back to Miami, where, it is alleged, the private detective, after conferences with a jailed suspect and with a police official there, returned the jewels to Mrs. Bell through an intermediary.

A similar scheme is reported to have been worked by the same private detective in the famous Donahue jewel robbery in New York City several years ago. The victim of the racketeers, it is declared, was forced to return your stolen goods to prevent [illegible]

To Go Before Jury.

Charles Call and Nicholas Stevens, New York underworld characters, who are being tried in Miami on charges of perpetrating the robbery of Mrs. Bell, will be taken before the Federal grand jury in New York City as soon as the Miami proceedings are concluded.

A statement issued by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, disclosed that Mrs. Bell's jewels were "recovered" from a safety deposit box in Miami, and not from the parked automobile of Detective Chief Eugene Bryant of Miami, as heretofore announced.

It had been stated previously that Chief Bryant found the jewels in the bottom of his car after he had parked it in front of a hotel to keep a mysterious engagement made by phone with a man unknown to him. The man did not keep the appointment, but, it had been declared, the jewels were found when Bryant started to drive away.

According to Hoover's statement, however, the key to the lock box containing the jewels was turned over to Chief Bryant by the New York private detective on March 18 last, and Bryant, with O. Harrington, Miami representative of the New Yorker, opened the box and found the gems intact.

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TWO ARE GUILTY IN $246,500 GEM THEFT

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York. They asked me if I knew Call. I said that I did.

"They asked me if I wanted to confess and I told them I had nothing to confess."

"You were beaten?" asked Attorney Cohen.

"I got knocked around. Knocked out at least 25 times. I was beaten and kicked. Captain Mosher never did beat me but there were four or five others who did. When McNamara and Fitzgerald were going out they said to the others, 'Loosen him up and we'll kick it out of him when we come back.'"

"You made some confession didn't you?"

"I did."

"What ones?"

"They were saying this fellow and the other had confessed. They mentioned 9 or 10 names and I told them to pick out anyone and I'd say I gave the jewelry to him."

Again asked to name someone who struck him, Montone replied, "Everyone knocked me out that had a chance."

"Name them?"

"Fitzgerald."

"Who else?"

"McNamara."

He explained, "I told them I had to lie to get them to stop beating me."

"How many hours before you were booked after your arrest?"

"About 28 hours. They got a phone call from Commissioner Valentine that my lawyer was getting a writ of habeas corpus. They made me change clothes. My lawyer was in another part of the building."

"At whose request was the doctor called?"

"The jailor's. The ambulance doctor wanted me to have the police arrested."

"Did you have anything at all to do with this robbery?"

"Never."

"Do you know the Kalter girl?" (Ruth Kalter, Dayton, Ohio, sweetheart of Call, who testified Tuesday.)

"Yes, I met her for about a minute."

"Never had any conversation with her?"

"Never."

The line of questioning reverted to the alleged beatings by the police. Montone said he was beaten so badly he did not know how he got out of the station house when he was removed to the Tombs prison.

"You came back here voluntarily?"

"I did."

"You waived extradition?"

"I did."

"What is your weight?"

"One hundred and twenty-three pounds stripped."

"How much did you weigh in January?"

"One hundred and thirty-three pounds clothed, or maybe 130 pounds."

"How tall are you?"

"Five feet six inches."

This later interrogation was in rebuttal of Anderson's description of the second man leaving the hotel whom he had identified as Montone. In his original report to officials the night of the robbery the hotel doorman said the second man was about 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighed about 160 pounds.

"Were any promises made to you in the cab on the way from the hotel in New York to police headquarters?"

"The police said, 'You tell us what we want to know and we'll take care of you. We'll get some money.'"

Montone continued, "At the station McNamara took me into another room and said, 'We know you've got the stuff. Turn it over to us.' I asked if I could get a lawyer. He said he'd get me a lawyer, then—bam, he knocked me out.

"McNamara told me of his friendship with Governor Sholtz and said he met him through Grover Whalen when Whalen was police commissioner. Then Policeman Burns hit me in the face."

Asked why he did not have those alleged to have struck him arrested, the accused man replied: "I didn't want them arrested because I figured they'd pick me up and do the same thing again."

"Was there a request of the court to have you examined?"

"Yes."

"Did the court order you examined?"

"Yes."

Testimony was then given regarding Noel Scaffa.

"Scaffa asked me if I had the jewelry. I told him 'No.' He wanted to know if I knew anything about the robbery and I said 'No.' He then demanded, 'Then why did you send for me?' He walked away from me mad."

"Do you know anything about the return of the jewelry?"

"No. I do not. I was in jail."

"Have you ever seen the jewelry?"

"Never."

Montone told of meeting Dr. Blake several times.

Cross-examination of Montone was by Attorney James M. Carson, also a special prosecutor in the case and a representative of the Miami Biltmore Hotel interests.

Montone admitted seeing Call in a Brooklyn restaurant but said he never spoke with him.

"You heard Call here say he didn't know you?"

"Did you have a mustache on January 20?"

"No."

"What do you do for a living?"

"Gamble around race tracks and gambling rooms, wherever I can find work."

"Did you ever work for Al Howard?"

"Yes. At the Embassy club in Miami and a gambling room in Saratoga."

Montone denied knowing who Dr. Blake's companions in Miami or at the Hialeah race track were.

Montone explained that Charlie Stearns employed a lawyer for him, explaining that he had had a dinner engagement with Stearns the night he was arrested and when Stearns could not locate him the lawyer was engaged.

He then denied the New York detectives showed him a letter from Miami Beach police in which it was stated that Call had confessed and implicated Montone in the crime.

Asked why he registered at the Warwick Hotel under the name of Marlowe, the alleged bandit replied that he had been known by that name for nine years; that his mother called him by that name. He explained he registered as being from the Ten Eyck Hotel at Albany, N. Y., because that was where he received his mail.

Attorney Carson turned the questioning again to Montone's treatment at police headquarters in New York. The accused said when he asked for water it was thrown in his face.

"Who suggested you wire Scaffa?" demanded the prosecution attorney.

"No one. I was in jail and I figured he might help me."

"Why did Scaffa have a detective in your hotel room?"

"I don't know."

"Did Scaffa promise to help you in anyway?"

"He did not. He went away mad."

The cross-examination was taken up by Attorney Worley. He questioned Montone regarding the number of times he was questioned in Miami by officials.

At the conclusion of this questioning Attorney Cohen announced, "Defense rests."

Following a brief recess state witnesses were called in rebuttal.

John Rowland, investigator for the state's attorney, was called. He was not allowed to testify when the defense objected on the grounds that he had been in the courtroom throughout the trial. Judge Willard ruled that the rule applies to deputy sheriffs the same as to other witnesses.

Detective Fitzgerald was recalled. He denied ever striking Montone. He was shown two pictures of Montone taken the day following his arrest. He identified them and said he was with the photographer until the pictures were finished and that they were not retouched.

Attorney Worley introduced the pictures to show the appearance of Montone after the alleged beatings. The pictures were admitted over the objection of defense counsel.

Judge Willard granted the prosecution and defense two hours each to sum up before the jury. It was stipulated that the defense would have the opening and closing arguments and Attorney Max Steuer, [illegible]

siderably excited during his examination of Bryant, raising his voice to almost a shouting pitch while mopping his perspiring face with a handkerchief.

Montone began his story with his arrest in the Warwick Hotel in New York City.

"The detectives," he declared, "were in my hotel room with guns in their hands when I came in. They said, 'Stick 'em up.' When I asked why I was arrested, one of them started to hit me, but one of the other detectives stopped him, saying, 'That isn't the way to do.'"

The accused said he believed the detective who kept him from being struck at that time was a Scaffa agency detective.

Questioned by Attorney Cohen, the witness gave a detailed account of his version of his arrest and events leading up to it.

"Were you in Miami on January 26?" asked the defense attorney.

"I was."

"Do you know Dr. Blake?"

Dr. Blake was a member of Mr. Content's party at the hotel at the time of the robbery and testified Tuesday that he did not see either of the bandits.

Montone's reply was, "I do."

"How did you hear of the robbery?" was the next question.

"Read about it."

"What date?"

"I don't know. It was in the headlines."

"Were you there on the night of the robbery?"

"Absolutely, I wasn't."

"When did you first see Anderson?"

The defense attorney referred to Burk Anderson, doorman at the hotel when the robbery occurred and who identified Montone as one of the two men seen rushing from the hotel immediately after the robbery.

"Upstairs here," Montone replied. "Anderson was right there. He asked if I had a match. I said, 'No.' One of the jailors said, 'Sit down, Montone.' then 'Come here, Montone.'"

This testimony was offered to refute state testimony that Anderson identified Montone in the county jail without any aid of officials.

"Was that the first time you ever saw him?"

"First time in my life I ever saw him."

Montone emphatically denied that he ever had been in the Miami Biltmore Hotel. "Never in my life have I been in the hotel," he insisted. "The only time I ever was in Coral Gables was going to the race track."

Attorney Cohen reminded the accused that New York detectives swore he confessed the crime.

"It's a lie," asserted Montone. "They gave me the third degree for three days. They kept me in the hotel before taking me to the station house."

It was then that Montone denied knowing Scaffa prior to their meeting here.

"Were you ever convicted of a crime?"

"Never."

Montone continued, "The detectives asked me if my name was 'Blackie.' I said, 'No,' told them my name. They asked if I ever robbed anyone in Miami and I said, 'No.' They wanted to know why I fled Miami. I said I didn't. I told them I lived in New

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"No."

The defense objection was sustained by Judge Willard and Mr. Keith was excused from the witness stand before he had an opportunity to identify himself. He remained in the courtroom.

Bryant was recalled by the state. He had testified on Tuesday.

"In the course of your investigation of the Miami Biltmore jewelry robbery did you recover any property?" Mr. Worley asked.

"I did."

"What was it?"

"A watch which belonged to Mr. Content and Mrs. Bell's jewelry."

"What did you do with Mrs. Bell's jewelry?"

"I returned it to her."

"Where did you get this jewelry?"

"From a lock box in the Miami bus terminal."

"Where did you get the key?"

"From Scaffa."

"When?"

"On the same day the jewelry was recovered."

"When was it recovered, on what date?"

"On March 18."

"Where is this lock box?"

"In the Miami bus terminal, N. E. Third avenue and First street."

On cross-examination, Bryant said that he had previously made a public statement that he had recovered the jewelry from the floor of his automobile when he responded to an anonymous telephone call to come to the Flamingo Hotel, Miami Beach.

"Which statement is true?" Cohen asked.

"That it was recovered at the bus station in Miami."

"Were you ever under bath when you made these statements?"

"Never."

"When did you first tell the authorities that Scaffa gave you the key to the lock box?"

"On Saturday night."

"Why did you not volunteer this information before?"

"I realized that I had made a mistake and I tried to do the best I could and go on through with it."

"When did you realize that you had made a mistake?"

"I realized it the minute I made it."

"Then did you inform the authorities of the truth?"

"I did not."

"When was it that you notified them?"

"Friday or Saturday of last week."

"How long was that after the jewels were recovered?"

"They were recovered on March 18."

"Then it took more than a month for you to realize your mistake and inform the authorities?"

"Not to realize the mistake."

"But it took more than a month to notify the authorities?"

"That's true."

"That's what we want, the truth!" Cohen shouted. "The defense as well as the state want to have all of the truth about the return of the jewelry. Tell all about it, Gene; all of what took place and of all of the conversations with Scaffa and others."

"I have told you, I was given the key by Scaffa and went to the bus station with Harrington—"

"Why did you consent to the scheme?" interrupted Cohen.

"Scaffa asked me to keep him out of it. He said that he didn't want any publicity at all."

"You didn't ask Scaffa where he got the key?"

"I did not," the detective chief replied, "I was more interested in recovering the jewels and returning them to the owner."

"You were not interested in apprehending the person who took them?"

"We had two men in jail, whom I believed took the jewels."

Bryant testified he made an attempt to communicate with Scaffa by telephone after he had been led to believe by the New York detective that the jewels would be recovered. He testified that he and Harrington drove to the Villa D'Este Hotel where Scaffa was stopping and found the detective in his room. It was here that the key to the lock box was delivered to him and he and Harrington drove to the bus station. He found the right box by comparing its number with the number of the key.

"What did you find?" Cohen asked.

"We found the jewels. They were wrapped in brown paper and tied with a white string. The black envelope or wrapper was inside containing the jewels." Bryant said that the brown wrapping paper was "carelessly thrown away."

Bryant said that he and Harrington immediately returned to the Villa D'Este Hotel where the package was opened.

"What did Scaffa say?"

"He said that they were a cold bunch of jewelry, especially, the pearls."

"What else did he say?"

"Scaffa wanted to know what story I was going to tell about the recovery of the jewels, and I told him that I was going to tell about hiding the jewels in the lock box. Scaffa said that he didn't want any publicity and suggested that they be recovered some other way."

On cross examination Bryant said that he had made no effort to find fingerprints on the package and had made no inquiries at the bus station into the identity of the person who rented the lock box.

Mr. Worley resumed his questioning of the witness and learned that on the day the jewels were recovered there was a conference in the county solicitor's office with Pine, Scaffa, Kehoe and Cohen present. Bryant said that there was a discussion of the possible identification of Montone by Mrs. Bell and Content in New York and "some talk of a two to five-year sentence." Pine, Bryant said, stated that he knew little of the case, and the detective chief offered to allow the county solicitor to see his own file.

He said that as they left the county solicitor's office and were standing at the elevator, Cohen asked him if he would guarantee his $1,000 attorney's fee, if he wasn't paid. "Benny was to get another $1,500," the detective continued. "I understood that there was to be $15,000 reward and I was to get $3,500."

"Who told you that," Mr. Worley asked.

"Scaffa."

"When?"

"On the Thursday before the jewels were recovered. It was while we were in Pine's office. I told Kehoe that I would take my reward and take a vacation. Kehoe said, 'We all need vacations.'"

"Who called me to attend the conference in Pine's office?" Cohen asked.

"I did."

"Do you recall that while in Pine's office that I said that I wouldn't compromise or accept any imprisonment for Montone, whom I believe to be innocent?" Cohen asked.

"I don't recall you saying that. I remember Pine said that there didn't seem to be a case against Montone, and as I recall the conversation was that both of the men would plead guilty and be sentenced to serve from two to five years each."

It was during this conference that Bryant "guaranteed" the $1,000 attorneys fees.

"What was the $1,000 to be used for?" Cohen asked.

"I'll tell you."

"I want you to. Do you recall that after the jewels were recovered you came to my office?"

"Yes, and it was then that it was suggested that some of the reward go to Pine and Kehoe."

"By whom was that suggested?"

"I asked you about it."

"Do you also recall that when you said that you wanted to give them a little present, I told you that no one knew Fred Pine better than I did, and I told you not to offer anything to Fred Pine while this case in pending?"

"Yes."

Bryant said that later he received a telephone call from Kehoe during which conversation the subject of vacations was discussed and Kehoe said that the "fat man and the thin man" needed an additional $500.

Attorney Cohen appeared to be con-

tional developments, the third time yesterday.

Cohen, Bryant, Pine, Jack Kehoe, Pine's assistant, and Harrington have been served with subpoenas to appear before the federal grand jury in New York on Monday.

United Press dispatches from New York last night indicated that the international aspect of the investigation gained momentum yesterday when Scotland Yard was asked by Hoover to aid in breaking up an international jewel-theft ring.

As the investigation spread from Miami to other similar thefts and returns throughout the United States, other European police were asked to help locate a missing witness.

He is an insurance adjuster, who left the United States when the inquiry was getting under way. He was last reported "on the continent."

The department of justice is seeking to link the Coral Gables robbery with other major jewel robberies in other parts of the country in the belief that it and the others are part of the operations of a national or international jewelry theft ring which buys protection in a community before it begins operations.

Another international angle of the ring's activities, in which they are reputed to have made more than $5,000,000 in the last two years, was the discovery that the famous Lloyd's of London, insurance firm, also has been victimized by the racketeers.

The trial, highly sensational in unraveling the mysterious circumstances enveloping the crime, came to an unexpected ending when the defense placed only one witness on the stand.

That witness was Montone, whose testimony principally was a general denial of any connection with the robbery or the making of a confession. He also recounted a story of alleged brutality on the part of New York City policemen in efforts to obtain a confession; and a detailed account of his actions in New York following the robbery up to the time of his arrest on March 7.

He asserted he never had been in the Miami Biltmore Hotel.

He denied knowing Scaffa, head of a detective agency specializing in work of jewel theft crimes, until Scaffa came to Miami in response to a telegram sent by Montone while in the Dade county jail.

His explanation of sending for the detective was that he had heard that Scaffa was widely known for his work on jewel robberies; that he had heard that the detective was a "good guy" and might help him. Another reason was that he believed that the fact that both he and Scaffa were of Italian descent might aid.

Montone never hesitated in replying to prosecution or defense questions. His answers were rapid, and although at times continued in anticipation of expected following questions, were well selected. He avoided prosecution traps expertly.

His testimony, however, was of the nature more or less expected by court observers.

There was nothing sensational in the testimony of Bryant. The detective chief also testified Tuesday, and yesterday told of alleged arrangements to divide the reward.

Bryant could not explain why he had waited a month to tell the truth about the recovery of the jewels and admitted lax police methods in not attempting to obtain finger prints from the wrapping around the jewels and in not trying to learn the identity of the person who placed the stolen property in the terminal lock box.

He also told of an alleged telephone conversation with Attorney Kehoe in which the latter was reported to have said that the "fat man and the thin man needed an additional $500."

The lie was passed to Bryant later when Mr. Kehoe issued a signed statement in which he declared, "—I do say that at no time did I have a conversation, telephone or otherwise, with Eugene Bryant, or any other person, concerning a slim man or a fat man or about $500 or any other sum of money."

Incidentally, this is the first occasion in which anyone has made any charge or statement reflecting in any degree upon Mr. Kehoe's private character or professional standing.

The prosecution recalled several state witnesses in rebuttal. This testimoney was brief and was for the purpose of impeaching the testimony of Montone in regards to his charge of police beatings and the number of times he had been questioned in Miami.

At the opening of court Attorney Cohen renewed his objection of Tuesday to the introduction by the state of the court file containing a record of the guilty plea of Cali to unarmed robbery and his sentence to eight years in the state prison. The motion was denied by Judge Willard.

The first witness called by the state was Hugh P. Sheridan, a member of the New York City police department for 19 years and for the past nine years a detective sergeant.

Sheridan testified he was in Miami last February when he questioned Cali about a New York jewel robbery of August, 1934. On the objection of Cohen, Judge Willard would not allow in evidence a purported confession said to have been made by Cali of the robbery. Cohen's objection was based on the fact that the conversation Sheridan had with Cali was made in the presence of Bryant and after Bryant had said he "may have threatened Cali into a confession." Sheridan stated, however, that Cali talked voluntarily. The conversation took place on February 18.

For the first time in the trial the name of Scaffa was linked with the Miami developments in the case when Desmond Kelly, deputy sheriff and jail clerk, was called by the state. Kelly testified he met Scaffa in the jail office, on the nineteenth floor of the courthouse, "two or three weeks ago" with Harrington. This he stated was after a telegram had been sent by Montone to Scaffa. Kelly identified the note which Montone had sent to the jail office by A. L. Buford, the jailor. The note was sent as a telegram by Kelly and requested Scaffa to come to Miami.

"The next day or the day after Scaffa came to the jail office," the deputy testified, "and conferred with Montone alone in a private office for a few minutes. That was on or about March 14."

Cohen's motion to strike from the record all of the testimony of Kelly was denied by Judge Willard and no questions were asked by the defense.

Buford, called as a witness, testified that the note containing the Scaffa telegram was given to him in the jail by Montone. He said that he in turn delivered the note to Kelly, who sent the telegram to Scaffa in New York. Buford said he had not seen Montone sign the note, as it was signed when handed to him.

John M. Keith, said to be head of the federal detail working on the jewel robbery case in Miami, was called to the witness stand by the state but was not allowed to testify because he had been in the courtroom during the course of the trial.

George A. Worley, special prosecutor, had only time to ask Mr. Keith his name when Cohen interposed a question.

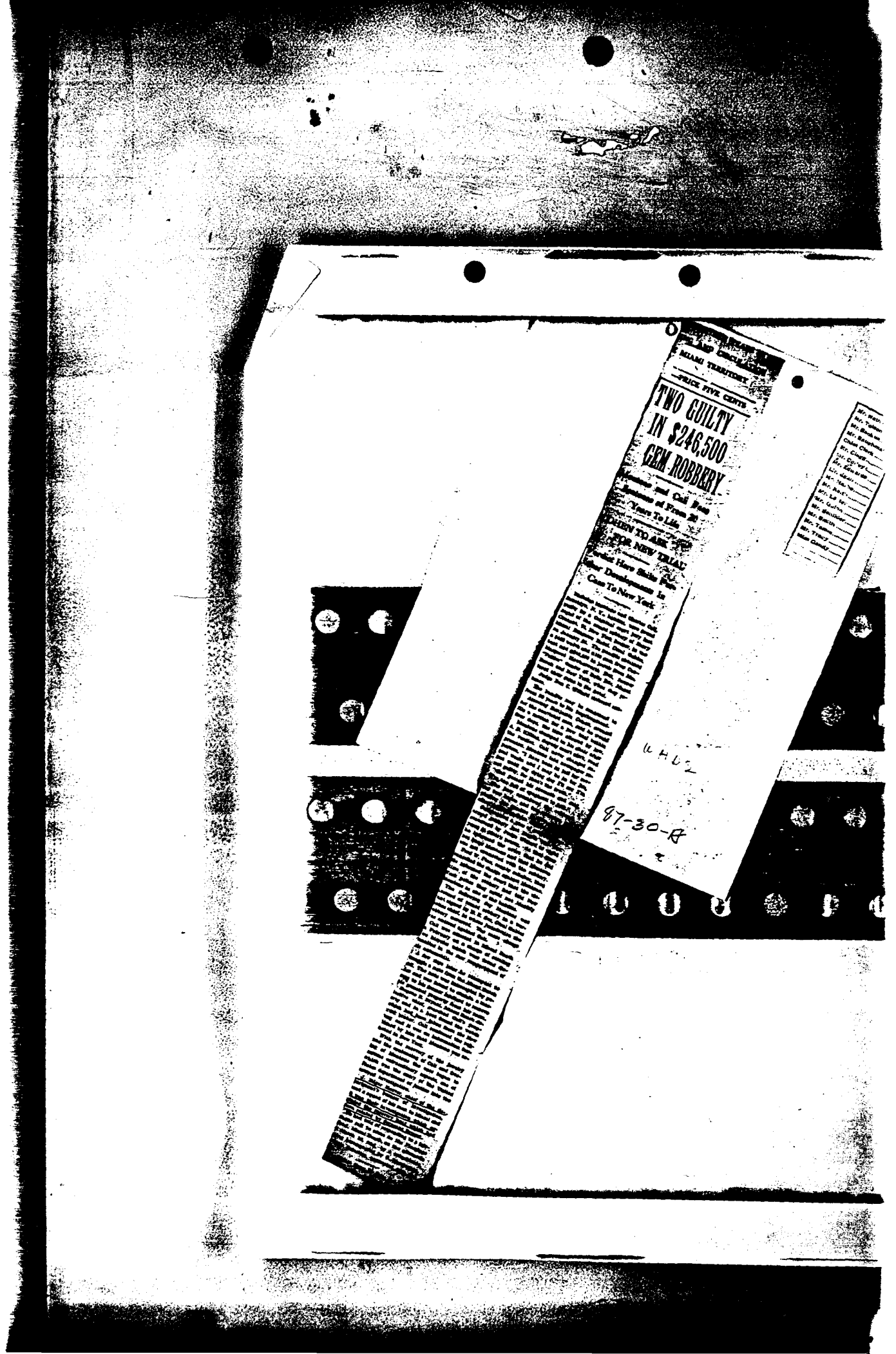
"Were you here in the courtroom during the course of this trial?" the attorney asked.

"Yes, several times."

"Are you an attorney?"

"Yes."

"Are you licensed to practice in the state of Florida?"


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$185,000 Jewel Hoax Charged

U. S. Chief Denounces Bell Theft and Miami Mystery

MIAMI, Fla., April 22.—(AP)—A Department of Justice statement branding as a "hoax" Miami detectives' story of the recovery of the loot in a recent $185,000 jewel robbery created a sensation today.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, said the gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell were recovered from a safety deposit box and not mysteriously dropped in an officer's car, as previously announced by Eugene Bryant, chief of Miami detectives.

Hoover's statement charged that Bryant got the jewels from a safety deck box station here with a key furnished him by Noel Scaffa, a New York private detective.

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FEDERALS HUNT HIGHER-UPS IN GEM RING

Return of Bell Jewels Launches U. S. Drive Along Seaboard

Noel Scaffa, ace sleuth who in 10 years delivered $4,000,000 in stolen jewels to their owners without delivering a thief to the police, today became the pivotal point around which the Federal Government swung its biggest dragnet since the Dillinger case.

While a Federal Grand Jury investigated Scaffa's remarkable successes in treasure hunting, Department of Justice agents under Edgar Hoover combed the Atlantic seaboard for two suspected master minds of an international jewel theft ring, with the promise of sensational developments.

LINKS TO SLAYING.

"This is bigger than the Dillingerd case," Hoover announced. "I can't reveal the identity of the men involved but their names are among the most important in the underwood."

One of the men sought figured prominently in one of New York's most famous murder cases several years ago, the Journal learned. The other is said to be an equally famous underworld figure.

Scaffa returned to the Grand Jury room for further quizzing today, accompanied by his attorney, Isidor Bregoff, who permitted his client to make a brief statement:

"I have been doing detective work for 27 years and have always done it legally and properly. I am happy to go before the Grand Jury and give any information that I may be able to give."

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"Yesterday this Day's Madness ... Did Prepare ... Tomorrow's Silence, Triumph, ... Or Despair."

So, there were other and later incidents by which, Worley said, the defendants would be shown to have been not only acquaintances, but long-time cronies. There was, for instance, Ruth Kalker and Pauline Spicer.

It was Call's time at the mention of these two names to snap forward from his slouching position beside George Schwartz and to the left of Montone, to a rigid, strained attention. Montone had also reacted, only with brighter eyes narrowed and snapping, when Worley had reached into the far past of his Brooklyn boyhood and told of the times there when "Little Nicky" and Call had played together and had been "pinched" together.

But Ruth Kalker and Pauline Spicer! If a hand grenade had been rolled at the feet of Call, with work ticking, he probably could not have appeared to be more startled. And Montone, too, was startled, although not so obviously, so crushingly as his alleged accomplice in the Miami Biltmore crime of last January.

Ruth Kalker and Pauline Spicer, arrested by Call to be safe from the reach of the prosecution in their Dayton, Ohio, home.

Where Call had sent Ruth, the girl who had lived with him as his wife in Miami, according to the federal investigators under Worley's direction, during the time he operated by grace of petty thievery, after he had been precipitated into the "big time" of gangland by participation in the sensational Coral Gables robbery. There, to Dayton, had gone Pauline Spicer, whose room next Call had been during one of his crime-reaped visits to the same building where he and Ruth had posed as husband and wife, and where Mrs. Spicer and her 13-year-old daughter.

The department of justice operatives had found Ruth and Pauline and the young Spicer daughter. From them had learned all they needed to know.

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[illegible] Hall [illegible] ... together in all [illegible] ... testimony's return to [illegible] ... New York, that Call would [illegible] ... before this court and stand ... to a charge of [illegible] ... conspiracy, maintaining stoutly that he had never seen Montone before. And, under this agreement between these two defendants, Montone was to be set free and likewise was to swear that he never had set eyes on Call before meeting him behind the bars.

Nervous under this, to him, new kind of strain, was the first witness called. Accentuating an accustomed neurosis almost to the degree of palsy, Content had an appearance of being "rattled." His testimony belied. Bobbing his pearly bald pate to questions propounded, the 74-year-old veteran of Wall Street gave a clear picture of the robbery of himself and Mrs. Bell, but was in no wise able to supply anything like an identification of the robbers.

It had all happened in perhaps five minutes, he related. Every second of this time had been primed with action; the bandits wore masks hiding the lower parts of their faces; for a part of the five minutes he lay bound; hence, how could it be expected that he would be able to identify them positively.

But they were armed, both of them, the witness affirmed; there could be no mistake about that—no mistake that justice had sidestepped an issue when the charge against Call had been reduced by Pine to one of unarmed robbery.

Witness said that Mrs. Bell, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Blake and George Andrews were with him at the hotel and that on the afternoon of the day of the robbery the party had attended the races at Hialeah Park, returning to the hotel before the last race.

They had been at the hotel but a short while, where they had returned with Dr. and Mrs. Blake, when the holdup occurred. Witness had been in his own bedroom, in the apartment adjoining that of Mrs. Bell, talking over long-distance telephone, when he heard a muffled scream from the adjoining apartment. Rushing into Mrs. Bell's parlor he was made suddenly aware that a holdup was in progress. One of the men, he said, the one he later described as the slightly taller and larger of the pair, walked up behind him and [illegible] gun under Content's ear. [illegible] Bell's maid [illegible] ... bathroom and started [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ...

[illegible] ... did you [illegible] ... an automatic ... the man ... and ... didn't ... as the papers ... about $200 ... watch."

Content then identified ... claiming that ... missing." He ... chain.

He explained the ... watch was $400, and ... direct examination by saying, ...

... robbie robbed me had a ... the other were a soft hat."

... Minjar ... then, defense ... by took ... examination ... witness.

"You were quite nervous, Mr. Content?" he asked. "Especially nervous at the time of the robbery?"

"I'm nervous at this time," was replied and added: "At times of emergency, I think, I've got a lot of nerve."

He then described the robbery, in answer to defense questions without varying from his first account.

Mrs. Bell, full of face and a decided brunette, was attired in a simple afternoon frock of black and white and a wide-brimmed black hat. Her jewelry consisted of a diamond necklace.

She gave her name as Margaret Bell, then told of going to the hotel bar for cocktails following the return of the party from the races.

"Members of the party went up to the living room. They stayed only a few minutes," she testified. "I was sitting on the sofa, reading a paper. Suddenly the door opened and two men came in with guns. One I saw one of them [illegible] Content.

"The man that took my [illegible] things—told me to turn [illegible] in my stomach and tied my [illegible] and feet."

Under direct examination Mrs. Bell said she could not say the bandits were dressed. They were rather small men. I think the man looking after me had [illegible] hat. Both were masked."

She described the jewelry taken from her when Attorney [illegible] asked "What did they take [illegible]?"

"Four ropes of pearls, one [illegible] diamond, one [illegible] with two diamonds, heart [illegible] watch and one diamond [illegible]

"Was [illegible] the attorney.

[illegible]

...would hold him for the Miami ... that his confession was ...
...Well, we were trying to get ... jewelry he told us was in ...
...seeking then to insinuate that ...gerald was appearing now as a ...ness as a matter of getting ... for his failure to share in ...ward obtained by Miami ...ach police as a result of the Sid... jewel robbery case, on which ...gerald and McNamara had ...ked, Cohen switched his line of ...tioning.
Do you know Gene Bryant?
I know he is on the police ...ce at Miami Beach.
Do you know anything about ...Namara?
I ought to, he is my partner.
Do you remember the Sidmore ...?
Yes.
You and McNamara worked it, didn't you?
Yes, we did.
You didn't get any reward out that case, did you?
I wasn't expecting any.
Reverting again to the arrest of ...ontone in New York, Cohen ...ked:
Did you have any arguments New York with Noel Scaffa over ...hose prisoner Montone was?
No, there was no argument ...
Didn't one of Scaffa's men ask Montone be held as Scaffa's ...oner?
No, there couldn't be any ar...ment over such a question, be...se Scaffa's man was not a police ...er; Montone was a police ...ner.
Montone offered to fix you (using bribe), didn't he?
About all I heard was "fix-...," but we always hear stuff like ...

...pay no attention to it.
...how much did Montone ...you?
He didn't offer me anything.
What did he offer the others?
He never offered them any ...

...before the panoply of night ...had been drawn Monday ...the courtroom-stunk, un...ed spectators, taking at face ...the forecasts of sensational ...tions of widespread con... ...made by George A. Worley ...then being forced to the supposi... that the defense was fighting ...a losing battle and mired in ...ence by the state. Scarcely ...disposed to the view that ...Content, had succeeded to ...ion for descriptive purposes the ...eral appearance of the two men ...had stripped her of a fortune ...jeweled finery. Content had ...imated one of them as about his ...n height of five feet, seven ...hes, the other possibly five feet, ...en and one-half inches tall. The ...aller man, he had testified, was ...thinner of the two.

While the descriptions, vague in ...ny sense of exactitude and virtual...worthless as an identification—...hich Content said he could not ...ake outright, anyhow—might fit ...y two men of the builds of the ...efendants, it evolved on Cohen's ...initiative to direct attention to ...whatever of likeness critical com...parison might draw between Mon...tone and Call, standing to scrutiny ...in the courtroom, and the generali...ties of stature given by the wit...nesses.

Seemingly unmindful that Mrs. Bell's indefiniteness was even more broad than Content's had been, Cohen hit upon a line-up test of the woman's powers of observation.

Standing himself, Cohen, broad of head and chest, almost of pudgy appearance due largely to an obvious "bay window" development, called upon Montone and Call and the assistant defense attorney, George Schwartz, the latter slightly larger than Call, to stand likewise.

Cohen then besought Mrs. Bell to say whether any two of the four might respond to her ideas of the builds of the two Miami Biltmore bandits.

"Any two of you three might," said Mrs. Bell, unhesitatingly discarding the stouter Cohen from her calculations.

What the defense attorney had been seeking to develop by his sudden excursion into the reputedly ticklish realms of comparisons, under circumstances otherwise favorable to his cause, remained unrevealed. Cohen dropped the fact immediately.

So far as spectator reaction was concerned, the incident redounded none to the benefit of Montone and Call, already seemingly "on location" sorry and untenable, even if each of them proves able to stick rigidly under the strain of cross-examination, on the mutual "never-saw-him-before — never-heard-of-him-before" line of the conspiracy alibi.

Difficult for such a reasoning to ...come an astonishing verdict on the ...part of Montone were swallowed in ...the course of Worley's subtly-...tinted pleadings of the state's case. The special prosecutor, keen, ...most qualified in his ever-accumulated ...evidence, rising above ...level of the lawyering many of ...

...acting the air forces, Worley ...d this quietly, without emphasis, ...reach for, or pause to gather ...ight of, his dramatic notes.

These few words, amplified ...by references to other phases ...conspiracies behind this trial, ...had opened to the mind of ...stunned spectators a panorama ...exposures destined eventually ...reach to the roots a ring of gang...sters whose crime operations have ...extended the length of the Atlantic ...seaboard.

Minions of pseudo-respectability ...living in parasitic ease on the loot ...harvest of a success-emboldened ...gangland clan could be forsee... ...dragged into the scorching light ...publicity, perhaps penitentiary ...bound, thanks to the combined ef...forts of the United States depart...ment of justice, the staff of in...vestigators under Worley's imme...diate and James M. Carson's supe...visory direction, the New York police department, and other law-enforcement agencies.

Landing tremendous force to the matter-of-fact taste of sensations to come, as given in Worley's preliminary statement to the jury, were the revelations released by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the identification bureau of the United States department of justice. Printed in the first edition of the Miami Daily News Monday morning, and distributed at the courthouse less than an hour after the trial of Montone and Call had been begun, the news that Eugene Bryant, chief of detectives of Miami Beach, had been involved with Noel Scaffa, jewel "recoverer extraordinary," and the latter's right-hand man, C. L. Harrington, in the Scaffa-engineered move to defeat justice in the course of "returning" the stolen Bell gems, the government's revelations created an instant wave of excitement throughout the county [illegible]

Hence, because of the Hoover revelations, although known in all their details to a limited circle of Miamians concerned in the investigations here since Friday night, an armed local significance attached itself to Worley's further calm hint of [illegible] unrevealed machinations.

"...you'll prove," said the special prosecutor, "that this man Scaffa had some connection with these defendants, Montone and Call."

"Connections with Montone ...," said the [illegible]

When this phase of Worley's [illegible] had been reached, following [illegible] summary of the Miami [illegible]

Michael F. McNamara, acting lieutenant of police, New York, testified for an hour, describing circumstances of Montone's arrest, telling how the confession was obtained and denying charges of defense counsel that Montone was subjected to cruel treatment.

McNamara said he went to the Warwick hotel with other officers to make the arrest at the request of Miami Beach officials, and found Montone was registered there as Nick Marlowe, Ten-Eyck hotel, New York. The officers waited in the room for a telephone call as the signal of Montone's approach and then made the arrest.

On the way to police headquarters, McNamara said, Montone wanted to know what it was all about and said he thought he could "fix it."

McNamara was questioned, in the absence of the jury upon the objection of defense counsel, to determine admissability of evidence. Judge Willard denied a motion to rule it out and the jury was brought back.

McNamara then testified Montone admitted he and Cali saw Mrs. Bell, Mr. Content and members of their party at the Hialeah race track and followed them to the Miami Biltmore hotel. Montone said Cali stuck up Content while he stripped Mrs. Bell of her jewels.

They then left the hotel by separate entrances and later met Izzy Fineman, alleged receiver of the stolen property, to whom they gave the valuables. Montone did not see Fineman again until after Cali was arrested at Miami Beach. Montone then left by airplane for New York with the jewels, later meeting a man he said was named Harry Edwards, another receiver of stolen goods, to whom he claimed the jewels finally were given.

Attempting to show third degree methods were used in getting the confession, Attorney Benjamin Cohen questioned McNamara at length.

Q. How long did you question him?

A. About 22 hours.

Q. Did he get any sleep?

A. None of us did.

Q. How many times did you tell him he better talk?

A. Quite a few times.

Q. Did anyone beat him up?

A. Not while I was present.

Q. Did you order a doctor call?

A. No, his attorney asked the court for a physical examination, and it was granted.

Q. What time did you book him after arresting him, at 6 p. m.?

A. At 4 o'clock the next day.

Q. Did you make any promises to him?

A. I told him if he would help get the jewels back I would do what I could for him.

Q. What did you mean?

A. That I would intercede for a pardon after his conviction.

Q. Show us the confession you got.

A. I haven't any. It was all verbal. It is so easy for prisoners to claim brutality when they are asked to sign anything.

Q. What are your latest orders about treatment of prisoners from Commissioner Valentine?

A. There are no official orders. Only an officer can protect himself.

Q. Do you mean Valentine will stand behind you if you beat them up? Do you remember he said "to muss them up?"

A. All I know is what I read in the papers.

Q. How many times did he ask for a lawyer?

A. Many times.

Q. What did you tell him?

A. I said I would not call a lawyer until he helped get the jewelry back.

Q. What time did you have him change his bloody shirt to be booked?

A. He changed his own clothes for inspection.

Q. Did you do away with his clothing?

A. No, he received his clothes back again and receipted for them, all except a necktie which he threw away because he said it made him look like a pimp."

Q. Do you recall telling this lawyer to get a doctor for him? And that you told Montone to keep his mouth shut?

A. There was no necessity for it later.

Q. What [illegible]

[illegible]

MORE ABOUT MONTONE

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[illegible] bandits wore handkerchiefs over their eyes. They said Montone was of the same build as one of the bandits. [illegible]

Special Prosecutor Worley then elicited from the witness the [illegible] sent by Miami Beach police which stated Cali had confessed and implicated Montone. He read part of it to the jury over the objection of defense counsel, which the court said it was admissible.

Worley asked a few questions designed to dispute charges of brutality and then gave the witness McNamara. [illegible] with Montone all the time [illegible] any clothing happened to [illegible] Attorney Cohen [illegible] about the letter the police legal [illegible] Judge Willard [illegible] would withhold his ruling [illegible] later in case it [illegible] court ordered a recess until [illegible]

Worley then sought to learn from the witness what Montone had had to say about this position of the jury.

Q. Did he say anything about giving the jewelry to some one in New York?

A. He said that he had given it to a man named Edwards in front of Lindy's restaurant [illegible] o'clock in the morning [illegible] Montone said a man named [illegible] had taken the jewels.

Q. [illegible] cross-examination by Cohen.

Q. How long have you been in New York police force?

A. Twenty-five years [illegible]

Q. You have made [illegible] arrests in that time?

A. Yes.

Q. Hundreds of them?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have [illegible] of confessions?

A. Oh, no.

Q. What [illegible] arrests do you [illegible]

A. Very few.

Q. Do you try to [illegible]

[illegible]

A. Yes.

Q. The [illegible]

[illegible]

Q. How did you register at 1569 N. W. Second st.?

A. I lived with my girl friend under my own name. She left, and I moved in with Call.

Q. How long did you live with him?

A. Eight weeks.

Q. When did you first report to authorities what Call told you about the hold-up?

A. When I got back to Dayton. I wrote to the department of justice. But the letter did not get there. It went to G2 at the war department. (G2 is the intelligence unit of the war department).

Q. How did it happen to go to the war department?

A. A lawyer told me that was the place to write.

(The witness emphasized the word, "lawyer," and grinned maliciously at the rotund Cohen).

Q. Did you write to Call after you went back to Dayton?

A. Yes.

Q. Your letters were endearing, weren't they?

A. I loved him.

Q. Do you love him now?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you first tell officers what Call told you about the robbery?

A. I told department of justice agents last night.

Q. Did you love Call last night?

A. Yes.

Q. How did you come here?

A. I was brought here.

Q. By whom?

A. Department of justice agents.

Q. Did they tell you you had to come?

A. I didn't ask the question. I'm not responsible for the department of justice. They came after me, and we left. They said, would I like to go to Miami. I said I had a job. They said, you'll go. We left in 25 minutes.

Q. What was discussed on your way here?

A. Nothing. We had a nice time.

Q. You had a nice time? Are you in love with one of the agents?

A. I loved that man (pointing at Call.)

Q. What did your good time in coming here consist of?

A. Oh, we played bridge.

Q. You're having a good time now, aren't you?

A. I am not.

Q. Did you see Montone between the time he left for the track the day of the robbery and now?

A. No.

Eugene Bryant took the stand.

Q. What is your name?

A. Eugene F. Bryant.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Chief of detectives at Miami Beach.

Q. Do you know Charles Call?

A. Yes.

Q. Point him out?

Bryant indicated Call and pointing and saying, "He's the man at the end of the table."

Q. Were you present at the time of the arrest?

A. No, I came into the station about 10 minutes later.

Q. Did you find some notes smuggled out of the jail by Call?

A. Yes.

Bryant identified the note sent Sears and identified a second note which he said was intercepted as Call attempted to hand it to a passer-by for mailing.

Q. What did Call say about the note?

A. Nothing. He wouldn't discuss them.

Q. What did you do after you intercepted the note which Call attempted to pass out of his cell?

A. I came to Miami, got two Miami detectives, and we went to 1569 N. W. Second st. There I found Call's belongings piled up in a hallway. I put them in my car and took them to the Miami Beach police station.

In the toe of the riding boot I found a man's gold watch with the monogram H. C. on the back.

Q. What else did you find?

A. There were a number of letters, some personal papers, and a box of bullets.

The witness identified a box of bullets as the one he found among Call's belongings.

Cohen interposed to ask the witness if he had a search warrant when he seized Call's belongings or if he had Call's permission to take them. Bryant said no to both questions.

Cohen then objected to the bullets being offered in evidence on the grounds they were unlawfully seized. The court overruled the objection.

Q. Tell what Call said to you.

Cohen again interrupted to ask that the judge exclude the jury on the grounds that what Call might have told Bryant would be prejudicial to Montone. The jury was excused.

A. I woke him up in his cell, showed him the watch and asked him where he got it. He said he knew nothing about it and for some time continued to deny any knowledge of it. Finally he said he wouldn't talk in front of two people but agreed to talk to me alone. I took him into my office but he said he had changed his mind about talking because I might have dictaphones concealed in the office. I asked him if he would talk to me if we went out alone in my car. He said he would and we drove to a barbecue stand where we got sandwiches and coffee. Then he talked.

Q. Were any threats made to Call?

A. Yes. I told him if he didn't talk I'd take means to make him.

Q. Did you tell him what means?

A. I told him I'd slap hell out of him if he didn't.

Q. That was in the station house?

A. Yes—before we went to the barbecue stand.

Cross-examination by Cohen.

Q. You had him scared, didn't you?

A. Yes, he was scared.

Q. Didn't you tell him about Sidmore getting 40 years and Yacht, his accomplice, getting only four?

A. I told him it would be easier for him if he talked but I didn't mention Sidmore because he didn't have anything to do with this case.

At this point Judge Willard ordered the jury brought back.

Q. Do you remember when Montone was brought back here from New York?

A. I don't remember exactly.

Q. When did you see him?

A. About four days after his return.

Q. Who was with you?

A. Conroy, a Pinkerton man attached to our department; Carpenter and Harrington.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In the county jail.

Q. Did you talk to him?

A. Yes, about his questioning in New York and his identification there.

Q. When did you see him next?

A. In court today.

Q. When you saw him a few days after his return from New York did he have a mustache?

A. No, he did not.

Q. How long did you talk to him?

A. About 20 minutes.

Q. (By Cohen) Did you blame Montone for not admitting that he knew Call?

A. No.

Q. Didn't you tell Meyers you were locked up by the Doherty interests?

A. No. Except when I'm on duty I'm free to come and go as I please.

Q. Did you report to anyone Meyer's attempt to bribe you?

A. No. He was my friend, and I didn't want to see him get into trouble.

Q. So you refused money to tell the truth?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you first go to work at the Biltmore?

A. In December of 1934.

Q. Have you worked there continuously?

A. Yes.

Q. What were your hours when you first went there?

A. Seven at night to 7 in the morning.

Q. What were your duties?

A. I was a doorman.

Q. Do you remember when I came to see you?

A. I don't remember the date.

Q. As a matter of fact weren't you made house detective next day and moved into the hotel from the dormitory?

A. No, I became house detective after I left the job as doorman.

Q. Were you a doorman when I saw you?

A. If it was before April 2, yes.

Q. Were you a house detective before moving into the hotel?

A. Yes, for 10 days.

(Redirect by Worley.)

Q. After Cohen visited you, you told Mr. Clark of the visit, didn't you?

A. Yes.

Q. Then Clark moved you into the hotel, didn't he?

A. Yes.

(Question by Cohen.) Did I ask you to do anything wrong?

A. No.

Henry Sears, operator of a rooming house at 1569 N. W. Second st., testified that Cali was living at his home at the time of the hold-up. He said Cali came there sometime late in December. At that time, Sears said, he knew Cali as Charles Williams, and that with him was Miss Ruth Kalker, supposed to be Cali's wife.

Sears said Cali had a convertible coupe. He identified a note offered by the state as one he received from Cali while the latter was in the Miami Beach jail. In the note Cali asked him to remove his belongings from his room and keep them for him.

In the note Cali instructed Sears to send his things to Miss Kalker at Dayton, Ohio, if he did not return within a week.

Sears said Cali was visited frequently by a man who drove a red Packard touring car. He could not identify Montone.

Ruth Kalker took the stand.

Q. What is your name.

A. Ruth Kalker.

Q. Where do you live?

A. Dayton, Ohio.

Q. Were you in Miami in December, 1934, and January, 1935?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. 1569 N. W. Second st.

Q. With whom?

A. With Mr. and Mrs. Sears.

Q. Do you know the defendant?

A. Yes, both of them.

Q. Who did you know first?

A. Cali.

Q. Where did you meet him?

A. In West Palm Beach.

Q. Did you come to Miami together from there?

A. Yes, we drove here in my car.

Q. When did you first meet Montone?

A. At the Fleetwood hotel, Miami Beach, with Cali.

Q. Did Cali introduce him to you?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of a car?

A. He drove a red Packard touring car.

Q. What name did you know Montone by?

A. I knew him only as Nicky.

Q. Do you remember the Biltmore hold-up?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you leave Miami for Dayton?

A. The day after the hold-up.

Q. Did you see Cali and Montone on the day of the robbery?

A. Yes, about 1 p. m. They left together for the race track.

Q. Cali have a gun?

A. Yes, a pearl-handled one.

Q. An automatic?

A. I believe it was.

Q. Any other gun.

A. Yes, two long revolvers.

Q. Did you see Cali the night of the hold-up?

A. Yes, about 7 p. m.

Q. What was his appearance?

Cohen objected to the question, and the objection was over-ruled.

A. He was highly nervous.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In our room at 1569 N. W. Second st.

Q. What did he do?

A. He paced the room, went out of and re-entered the room several times, then told me to get out and go to dinner as he wanted to change his clothes.

Q. When did you see him next?

A. About three hours later.

Q. What did he say at that time?

A. He said he deserved his sleep that night, that he had done a hard and good day's work.

Q. What did you do then?

A. We went to the dog races at Miami Beach. He bought a paper and read about the robbery. Then he made some bets on some of the races. I was mad. I was sick, and he wouldn't give me any money to go to a doctor.

Q. Did he tell you about the Biltmore hold-up?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell the jury what he said.

A. He told me that he had gone to the Biltmore and that Montone took the jewels from Mrs. Bell while he robbed Content, and they then ran down the stairs and got away.

Q. Where did he tell you this?

A. In our room while I was packing to leave him.

Q. Did you see the guns that night?

A. Yes, all three of them.

Q. Who bought your ticket to Dayton?

A. He did. But he bought it out of money I got for selling my car.

(Cross examination by Cohen):

Q. How did you first meet Cali?

A. Through my girl friend.

Q. What does she do?

A. She is a nurse in Dayton.

Q. When did you come to Miami?

A. The next day.

Q. Together?

A. Yes. That is, I mean we rode [illegible]

of Call and his companion from the hotel, Anderson stated that he noticed two men hastening toward him sometime between 6:30 and 7 o'clock.

"Can you describe the two men?" he was asked.

"One of them I did not notice very sharply," Anderson asserted, "except to note that he was slightly taller than the other, with black hair and of stouter build. The other one I noticed particularly."

"How was he dressed?" was the next question.

"He had on a gray-checked suit at the time," Anderson said.

Describing him further, Anderson declared the man to have been clean-shaven and of more striking appearance than his companion.

"Have you ever seen him since then?" witness was asked.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Where is he now?"

"Over there," Anderson said, nodding his head toward Montone.

Anderson stated that he was attracted by the evident hurry of the two men to get out of the hotel, and that he kept his eyes on them until they disappeared among the automobiles to the north of his position. After that he lost track of them.

It was five minutes after their departure, Anderson related, before he was informed that a robbery had taken place on the fourth floor of the hotel.

He said he then rushed in the direction taken by the two men but could find no trace of them.

Returned by Worley to the matter of identification, Anderson told of having seen Montone while he was confined here in the county jail and of recognizing him immediately as the bandit who had attracted his attention particularly on the night of the holdup.

"Do you know his name now?" Worley asked.

"Yes; it is Montone," Anderson rejoined.

"Is that the man there in the gray suit?" Worley queried, turning to point to Montone.

"Yes, that's the one," Anderson declared positively.

Cohen sought vainly, first to break down Anderson's identification, and then to reflect on the reliability of his testimony by questions evidently designed to indicate that Anderson had been favored by the hotel management as a reward for his forthcoming testimony and to insinuate that Anderson had sought through emissaries to dicker with the defense.

In the latter respect, Cohen reaped a disastrous boomerang.

"When were you positive as to the identity of Montone," Cohen asked. "After I saw him at the jail," was the rejoinder.

"You weren't house detective when I came to see you?" was Cohen's next question.

"No," Anderson said.

"You gave a statement to police after the robbery; was that the same statement you are giving now regarding these two men?" Cohen asked.

"Yes," the witness said.

"Who was present when you made this statement to police?"

"Chief Sox of Coral Gables and several others," the witness replied.

"Was Harrington there?" Cohen asked, referring to Noel Scaffa's right-hand man, one of the prominent figures in the gems "recovery" mystery.

"He may have been; I am not sure," was Anderson's reply.

Turning then to his efforts to reflect on Anderson's testimony, Cohen began a line of questioning to insinuate Anderson had sought to negotiate with him.

Q. Did you send a man to contact me in this case?

A. No.

Q. You never sent a man to me?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall sending a man from Tallahassee—I mean having a man come from Tallahassee—to contact me on this case?

A. No.

Q. Have you been promised a job as long as you want it by the hotel on condition that you testify as you have in this case.

A. No.

Q. Will you swear to that?

A. Yes.

Q. Is this job of house detective a promotion or a demotion, or what is it?

A. It's just a regular job.

Q. A more refined job than the one you had before, that of doorman, isn't it?

A. Possibly.

Q. The day of the robbery did you describe one of the men as being 30 years old, five feet seven inches in height, weighing 160 pounds, apparently Jewish, smooth shaven, wearing a gray suit, carrying a cap in his hand?

A. So long ago I don't remember.

Q. Is this the man you saw (pointing to Montone)?

A. Yes.

Cohen escorted Montone from his seat to the witness stand. He placed him only a few feet away from the witness and asked, "How tall is this man?"

A. Five feet, eight or nine inches.

Q. Did you see this man hurrying from the Biltmore the night of the robbery?

A. Yes.

Q. Take a good look at him.

A. I did.

Q. Does he weigh 160 pounds?

A. No, I can see that now.

Q. This is the man you said weighed 160 pounds.

A. I can see now that he doesn't.

Q. Your memory is better now?

A. No.

Q. You're not positive this is one of the men?

A. I'm positive he was the second man I saw hurrying from the hotel.

Q. Who was the second man?

A. Montone.

Q. Where did he go? Did you follow him?

A. He went down to the sidewalk. I didn't follow him.

Q. If this man were on trial for his life would you be so positive of your identification?

A. I would.

Q. Will you swear under oath you did not send a man to me asking for money?

A. I did not.

(Redirect examination by Worley.)

Q. Were you approached by any one who offered you money?

A. Yes. By a man who said Montone's lawyers were willing to pay me to tell the truth.

Q. Who was that man?

A. Hollis Meyers.

Q. Where is he now?

A. I don't know. I last saw him a week ago.

(Cohen, on recross.)

Q. You were made house detective April 1?

A. Yes.

Q. What did Meyers tell you?

A. He told me Montone's lawyers would pay for the truth.

Q. What time did your party leave the race track?

A. I don't know exactly, but it was before the last race.

Q. Where did you go?

A. Back to the hotel.

Q. What did you do there?

A. We went to the bar for a while, then to our own rooms.

Worley asked the witness to describe the layout of the suite occupied by the Bell party, particularly in reference to the room occupied by he and Mrs. Blake. Blake said their room was separated from Mrs. Bell's bedroom by the bathroom of the suite.

Q. After getting to your room, did you hear any unusual noise?

The defense objected to the question as leading and the court sustained Cohen.

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A. Yes. He told me the name of a horse he thought would win.

Q. Had you seen him at the race track previous to that day?

A. Yes, on the Monday before the holdup.

Q. What did he say at that time?

A. He told me he was working at the Embassy club. He also asked me if I was with the same party that accompanied me to Saratoga. I told him I was. He asked me where we were stopping, saying he wanted to send us some cards for the Embassy.

Q. How long had you known Mrs. Bell and Mr. Content?

A. A number of years.

Q. How was Mrs. Bell dressed the afternoon of Jan. 26?

A. I don't remember her costume.

Q. Did she wear any adornments?

A. She wore much jewelry.

Q. Can you describe it?

The witness then described the jewelry which a few hours later was taken from Mrs. Bell by the bandits.

On cross-examination, Cohen sought to bring out whether it had been customary for Mrs. Bell to wear a fortune in jewelry when attending races at Saratoga and elsewhere, prior to the ill-fated visit to Miami.

It was customary for her to wear this finery at numerous public appearances in the North, Dr. Blake replied.

Cohen then got witness to dwell on the friendly relations existing between him and Montone.

"Montone was as friendly with you at Saratoga as at Hialeah?" defense attorney asked.

"Yes, he was," witness replied.

"I mean he was no more friendly with you at Hialeah than at Saratoga," Cohen pursued.

"Exactly the same," Dr. Blake rejoined.

Cohen then sought to bring out Dr. Blake's estimate of the time elapsing from his departure from the Bell apartment until he gave the alarm by telephoning the hotel desk upon being aroused, in his own apartment, by the pounding on the adjoining bathroom wall by Armadine Pechtl, Mrs. Bell's maid.

"Just a few minutes," Dr. Blake replied after having the question repeated to him.

After a few questions on cross-examination by Worley, none of which brought out anything of importance, Dr. Blake was excused.

Armadine Pechtl, the maid, the next witness to take the stand, added few details to the robbery, but did supply an important air that gave added force to the testimony yesterday of Content and Mrs. Bell by asserting positively that the two bandits were armed.

Describing her exciting experiences on the night of the robbery, the maid said she was in the bathroom when she heard a funny noise.

"It was a little 'whoop,' just like that," the maid said, emitting a soprano startled yell.

Stepping from the bathroom, the maid continued, she said she was startled to see two men, guns in hand, and with masked faces, in the act of robbing Content and Mrs. Bell.

"What did you do then?" Worley asked.

"I just rushed into the bathroom again," she said, "and I holler for Dr. Blake and pound on the walls."

"How long were you pounding on the wall?" the special prosecutor queried.

"About three or four minutes," the maid replied.

When the witness was turned over to the defense for cross-examination, Cohen merely said:

"No questions. Leave the stand."

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Q. What was he doing?

A. He told me he was working at a club there.

Q. Did you see him after that?

A. No.

Q. Did you see him in Dade county?

A. No.

Q. Did you see him on the afternoon of Jan. 26?

A. Yes.

The defense interposed an objection but the judge ruled the answer could stand, saying he concurred with the state in the belief that Dr. Blake had misunderstood the question when he answered "no" to the question "had he seen Montone after the Saratoga meeting."

Q. You saw him Jan. 26. Where?

A. At the Hialeah race track.

Q. Did you talk to him?

A. He spoke to me.

Q. Who was with you?

A. Our whole party, Mr. and Mrs. Content, my wife and Mr. Andrews.

Q. Where was Montone when he spoke to you?

A. Near a mutual window.

DETECTIVE DENIES

MONTONE BEATEN

SUSPECT TALKED FREELY, WITNESS TELLS JURYMEN

Efforts to Recover Gems Are Revealed by New York Policeman

By FRANCIS P. MALONE

[illegible] flat denial that Nicholas Montone was beat or in any way coerced into confessing a part in the Miami Biltmore hotel holdup, in which Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell lost jewels valued at $185,000, was made by Detective Theresa P. Fitzgerald of the New York police department [illegible] criminal court late today. Montone is on trial with Charles Call, [illegible] the armed robbery of Harry Content, who was robbed [illegible] Mrs. Bell lost [illegible].

Fitzgerald testified that Montone's confession was voluntary and made freely after he had been [illegible] a conference of police by [illegible] Beach, in which [illegible] Rowland [illegible]

Montone, Fitzgerald said, first told [illegible] he had given the jewels to a woman named Harry Edwards [illegible] Edwards, according to Montone, was to meet him on Feb. 5 in front of a Broadway restaurant and bring the jewels with him. As detectives prepared to accompany Montone to the rendezvous with Edwards, Fitzgerald said Montone admitted he had lied and the jewels were [illegible] a man known to him as Flannagan at Miami Beach.

Fitzgerald caused the crowded courtroom to roar with laughter [illegible] in answer to a question of Defense Counsel Calnon as to why he had not taken a written confession from Montone, he said: "If you [illegible] a written confession then when you get up here after always say you had to [illegible]

Mosher arrested Montone in the Warwick hotel about 5 p. m. on Feb. 8. They took him to police headquarters despite his plea that he be allowed to telephone an unnamed person. At headquarters Montone was shown a confession reportedly made by Call to Miami Beach detectives.

Fitzgerald quoted Montone as saying "that blank greasy parachute jumper—he's crazy. I might as well tell you what happened. He's already told.

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U. S. BARES RING OF GEM THIEVES; QUIZ DETECTIVE

New York, April 22.—[Special.]—The department of justice sought today to break up an organization of jewel thieves, whose operations were described by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the division of investigation, as the most extensive racket "turned up" by his men in recent years.

Rhea Whitley, chief of the New York bureau, announced that the department of justice is inquiring into the $185,000 gem robbery at the Miami [Fla.] Biltmore hotel, in which Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former dancer, was the principal victim.

The ring of jewel thieves, Hoover said, appeared to have operated all along the eastern seaboard, with members of many prominent families among their victims. The procedure of the ring, according to first reports to Washington officials, appeared to have been to steal jewels, which were later restored to the owners after payments of substantial awards.

In the Miami development of the case, Mr. Hoover charged that the gems stolen from Mrs. Bell were recovered in a lock box in Miami. The earlier story that the jewels had been placed in a police automobile by an unknown person was branded a hoax. The key to the lock box, and directions how to reach it, according to Hoover, were supplied to the Miami police by Noel Scaffa, New York private detective who has figured in the recovery of the loot of other jewel thefts.

Scaffa, against whom no charges of wrongdoing were made, spent four hours Saturday before the federal grand jury here, and his attorney, Isidor Bregoff, commented that it was strange that the private detective, who frequently represents insurance companies in their search for stolen jewels, "should have been called just before the Miami trial."

This referred to the trial of Nicholas Montone, alias Nick Marlowe, and Charles Call, both of whom were said by police to have confessed to the robbery of Mrs. Bell and a friend, Harry Content, after they had returned to their hotel from the race track. A jury was chosen in this case today, and some testimony taken from Mrs. Bell and Content.

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U. S. ARRESTS CLEAN UP BIG 'JEWEL RING'

Hoover Declares Present Case Bigger Than Dillinger's; Captures Made All Over the East

By Universal Service

Descending with lightning speed on underworld haunts last night, Federal agents and police of a dozen Eastern States began a round-up of an international jewel theft ring whose annual "take" is estimated at millions.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, declared new arrests are being made hourly. He said:

Important Case

"This is the most important case we have ever had. It completely overshadows the Dillinger case.

"New arrests are being made hourly, down the entire Atlantic Seaboard, from the Canadian border to the foot of Florida.

"I can't reveal the identities yet of the men involved, but their names are among the most important in the underworld."

The arrests grow out of a $200,000 jewel robbery at Miami in January, Mr. Hoover said.

Department of Justice operatives, tracing the theft of four pearl necklaces, two rings, a bracelet and wrist watch from Mrs. Margaret Bell, wife of a New York broker, at a Miami hotel January 26, uncovered evidence linking a private detective with the theft ring, it was learned.

The detective, Federal agents reported here, received the stolen Bell gems and returned them to their owner through an intermediary. A similar scheme is alleged to have been worked by the same detective following the famous Donahue jewel robbery in New York several years ago. The understanding was that the stolen articles would be returned if the owner would agree to ask no questions.

Big rewards are reported to have been paid the private detective for "recovery" of countless numbers of stolen jewels. One large British insurance company is understood to have paid a high reward for return of the Bell jewels.

Contrary to the report that these jewels were found by Chief Detective Eugene Bryant in an automobile, Mr. Hoover asserted they were found in a safe deposit vault, the key to which was turned over by the private detective on March 18.

U. S. Jury to Act

Evidence compiled by the Justice agents is being presented to a Federal grand jury at New York city, for indictment of the leaders of the plot.

Charles Call and Nicholas Montone, New Yorkers on trial at Miami on charges of robbing Mrs. Bell, will be taken before the grand jury at New York as soon as the Florida trial has ended.

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JURY IN TRIAL OF MONTONE, CALI



Chosen to hear testimony in the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, charged with the Biltmore robbery of Harry Content, New York broker, and Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, New York socialite, in criminal court are these six jurors. They are left to right (bottom row): John A. Ray, Claude C. High, Edmund Spooner; (top row): Bruce A. Innis, Irving Van Huss and Charles R. [illegible]

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Racketeering Ring Specializing in Rewards for Return Traced

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(UP) A picked squad of federal agents today sought possible links between many recent jewel thefts and the activities of a racketeering ring alleged to have specialized in returning stolen gems for large rewards.

The agents were operating under direct supervision of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation. He said the case in some ways was "bigger than the Dillinger case." It was said to be by far the biggest case under the new statute which made interstate transportation of stolen goods in excess of $5,000 a federal offense.

Hoover said arrests were being made every few hours and some of the "biggest racketeers in New York were involved."

Most of the arrests so far have been made in New York and Miami, the justice department said.

From Maine to Florida, it was said, wealthy families and insurance companies had been victimized by the racketeers, who apparently effected the theft of jewels and then returned them for rewards on the basis of "no questions to be asked."

The federal men, as usual, were keeping secret details of the case until it was complete. No data could be obtained regarding the number of arrests, the amount of jewelry involved, or the period over which the racketeering extended.

One specific case under scrutiny was that of the return of $185,000 worth of jewelry which was stolen in Miami early this year from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell. Hoover asserted that these gems actually were found in a safe deposit box, to which Miami police were given the key. Originally, it had been reported the jewels had been abandoned in an automobile.

Scaffa Will Not Come To Miami, He Says

NEW YORK, April 25—Noel Scaffa, private detective and recoverer of stolen gems extraordinary, told a representative of the Miami Daily News today he would not go to Florida to testify in the Bell jewel case.

The detective, whose activities in the robbery are being probed by a federal grand jury here, broke a precedent of more than 20 years as a sleuth for large insurance concerns. For the first time he consented to talk about himself.

In regard to his activities in the Bell case he issued the following statement at his office, 111 John st.:

"I appeared before the United States grand jury Saturday and gave testimony in the Bell jewel robbery. I have been informed it is improper and illegal for a witness before the grand jury to discuss what transpired in the grand jury room.

"About the middle of the week before last I was invited by the local department of justice to call and discuss the Bell case. I answered their invitation by calling and remaining with them until such a time as they were finished questioning me. I decline to discuss the contents of the statement made to department of justice. I decline to discuss the case any further."

But though he would not discuss the Bell case, Scaffa for the first time in the memory of New York newspapermen, discussed himself with some restraint and albeit reluctantly.

The man who has won notoriety for the recovery of the $750,000 gems stolen from Mrs. James P. Donahue, the Woolworth heiress, at the Plaza hotel in New York in 1926, and countless other stolen jewelry, is modest about his accomplishments to a painful degree.

One million dollars in stolen gems subsequently recovered by Scaffa is a low, a "very low" estimate to put on his work in the last decade, the detective declared.

"It's a lot more than a million dollars' worth," he said. "Just how many millions I wouldn't care to estimate.

"I'm no superman. I'm no better than anyone else," said Scaffa. "In my business it's just hard work and common sense that bring about results."

Scaffa admitted he was unconcerned about the federal grand jury investigation now being made of his activities in connection with the Bell case.

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He refused to compare the technique he used in the recovery of the Bell gems with his work in the recovery of the jewels in the Donahue case.

"They were two entirely different matters," he answered laconically.

When the name of a notorious "fence" in the theatrical section of New York—the Times Square district—was mentioned as a man who figured in both cases, Scaffa refused to discuss this angle.

He admitted he had been served with a subpena to be present at the trials of Cali and Montone in Miami several days ago, "but I don't intend to go down to Miami," he said. "I've been advised it is unnecessary for me to answer the subpena in view of what transpired before the grand jury here. No, I don't intened to go down to Miami."

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He considers Bob Ramsey, the negro "human fly" who robbed many a wealthy home of gems by scaling the sides of houses, the "cleverest" gem thief who ever did a job here or abroad. Scaffa helped New York detectives apprehend him.

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A. I don't remember exactly—several years ago. But I do remember it was in a decorator's shop.

At this point the state offered in evidence a picture which Dr. Blake identified as a photograph of the shop where he had first met Montone. The picture was exhibited as evidence over the objection of the defense.

Q. Where did you see him again?

A. At Saratoga, N. Y.

Q. What was he doing?

A. He told me he was working at a club there.

Q. Did you see him after that?

A. No.

Q. Did you see him in Dade county?

A. No.

Q. Did you see him on the afternoon of Jan. 26?

A. Yes.

The defense interposed an objection but the judge ruled the answer could stand, saying he concurred with the state in the belief that Dr. Blake had misunderstood the question when he answered "no" to the question "had he seen Montone after the Saratoga meeting."

Q. You saw him Jan. 26. Where?

A. At the Hialeah race track.

Q. Did you talk to him?

A. He spoke to me.

Q. Who was with you?

A. Our whole party, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Content, my wife and Al Andrews.

Q. Where was Montone when he spoke to you?

A. Near a mutuel window.

Q. What time did your party leave the race track?

A. [illegible]

Q. Where did you go?

A. Back to the hotel.

Q. What did you do there?

A. We went to the bar for a while, then to our own rooms.

Worley asked the witness to describe the layout of the suite occupied by the Bell party, particularly in reference to the room occupied by he and Mrs. Blake. Blake said their room was separated from Mrs. Bell's bedroom by the bathroom of the suite.

Q. After getting to your room, did you hear any unusual noise?

The defense objected to the question as leading and the court sustained Cohen.

Worley asked the witness to tell the jury in his own words what occurred after he and Mrs. Blake retired to their room.

Blake said they both disrobed and donned dressing gowns and were lying on their beds reading when they were attracted by pounding on the wall of their bathroom. Blake said he opened the window, leaned out as far as he could and called in the direction of the Bell bathroom "What's the trouble?"

He said he got no answer but that a voice he recognised as that of Mrs. Bell's maid screamed "Help, help, holdup." Blake said he called to his wife to phone the desk and started toward the Bell suite but that his wife had locked the door and pleaded with him not to go out, saying "You may be killed."

Blake said he finally got the door unlocked and went to Mrs. Bell's living room where he found her and Content tied up. He went to his room to get a knife to cut the bindings and when he returned found Mrs. Blake had untied the bonds.

Q. Did you talk to Montone at the race track Jan. 26?

A. Yes. He told me the name of a horse he thought would win.

Q. Had you seen him at the race track previous to that day?

A. Yes, on the Monday before the holdup.

Q. What did he say at that time?

A. He told me he was working at the Embassy club. He also asked me if I was with the same party that accompanied me to Saratoga. I told him I was. He asked me where we were stopping, saying he wanted to send us some cards for the Embassy.

Q. How long had you known Mrs. Bell and Mr. Content?

A. A number of years.

Q. How was Mrs. Bell dressed the afternoon of Jan. 26?

A. I don't remember her costume.

Q. Did she wear any adornments?

A. She wore much jewelry.

Q. Can you describe it?

The witness then described the jewelry which a few hours later was taken from Mrs. Bell by the bandits.

On cross-examination, Cohen sought to bring out whether it had been customary for Mrs. Bell to wear a fortune in jewelry when attending races at Hialeah and elsewhere prior to the all-fated [illegible]

It was customary for her to wear his finery at numerous public appearances in the North, Dr. Blake replied.

Cohen then got witness to dwell on the friendly relations existing between him and Montone.

"Montone was as friendly with you at Saratoga as at Hialeah?" defense attorney asked.

"Yes, he was," witness replied.

"I mean he was no more friendly with you at Hialeah than at Saratoga," Cohen pursued.

"Exactly the same," Dr. Blake rejoined.

Cohen then sought to bring out Dr. Blake's estimate of the time elapsing from his departure from the Bell apartment until he gave the alarm by telephoning the hotel desk upon being aroused, in his own apartment, by the pounding on the adjoining bathroom wall by Armadine Pechti, Mrs. Bell's maid.

"Just a few minutes," Dr. Blake replied after having the question repeated to him.

After a few questions on redirect examination by Worley, none of which brought out anything of importance, Dr. Blake was excused.

Armadine Pechti, the maid, the next witness to take the stand, added few details to the robbery, but did supply an important air that gave added force to the testimony yesterday of Content and Mrs. Bell by asserting positively that the two bandits were armed.

Describing her exciting experiences on the night of the robbery, the maid said she was in the bathroom when she heard a funny noise.

"It was a little 'whoop,' just like that," the maid said, emitting a soprano startled yell.

Stepping from the bathroom, the maid continued, she said she was startled to see two men, guns in hand, and with masked faces, in the act of robbing Content and Mrs. Bell.

"What did you do then?" Worley asked.

"I just rushed into the bathroom again," she said, "and I holler for Dr. Blake and pound on the walls."

"How long were you pounding on the wall?" the special prosecutor queried.

"About three or four minutes," the maid replied.

When the witness was turned over to the defense for cross-examination, Cohen merely said:

"No questions. Leave the stand."

The first highlight of the morning session came when Buster Anderson, describing himself as a house detective at the Miami Biltmore hotel, took the stand.

Responding to questions by Worley, Anderson stated that he was acting as doorman on the lower floor on the night of the robbery.

"At what time did you go on duty on the night of Jan. 26?" he was asked.

Going into the [illegible] of the night Bell and his companion from the hotel, Anderson stated that he noticed two men hastening toward him sometime between 6:30 and 7 o'clock.

"Can you describe the two men?" he was asked.

"One of them I did not notice very sharply," Anderson asserted, "except to note that he was slightly taller than the other, with black hair and of stouter build. The other one I noticed particularly."

"How was he dressed?" was the next question.

"He had on a gray-checked suit at the time," Anderson said.

Describing him further, Anderson declared the man to have been clean-shaven and of more striking appearance than his companion.

"Have you ever seen him since then?" witness was asked.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Where is he now?"

"Over there," Anderson said, nodding his head toward Montone.

Anderson stated that he was attracted by the evident hurry of the two men to get out of the hotel, and that he kept his eyes on them until they disappeared among the automobiles to the north of his position. After that he lost track of them.

It was five minutes after their departure, Anderson related, before he was informed that a robbery had taken place on the fourth floor of the hotel.

He said he then rushed in the direction taken by the two men but could find no trace of them.

Returned by Worley to the matter of identification, Anderson told of having seen Montone while he was confined here in the county jail and of recognising him immediately as the bandit who had attracted his attention particularly on the night of the holdup.

"Do you know his name now?" Worley asked.

"Yes; it is Montone," Anderson rejoined.

"Is that the man there in the gray suit?" Worley queried, turning to point to Montone.

"Yes, that's the one," Anderson declared positively.

Cohen sought vainly, first to break down Anderson's identification, and then to reflect on the reliability of his testimony by questions evidently designed to indicate that Anderson had been favored by the hotel management as a witness for his forthcoming testimony. Insinuate that Anderson had been brought through emissaries to [illegible] with the defense.

On this latter suggest Cohen asked a dangerous question.

"That was your position as to the identity of Montone," Cohen asked, "after you saw him at the [illegible]

"You [illegible]

"Yes," the witness said.

"Who was present when [illegible] made this statement to police?"

"Chief Sox of Coral Gables and several others," the witness replied.

"Was Harrington there?" Cohen asked, referring to Noel Scaffa's right-hand man, one of the prominent figures in the gems "recovery" mystery.

"He may have been; I am not sure," was Anderson's reply.

Turning then to his efforts to reflect on Anderson's testimony, Cohen began a line of questioning to insinuate Anderson had sought to negotiate with him.

Q. Did you send a man to contact me in this case?

A. No.

Q. You never sent a man to me?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall sending a man from Tallahassee—I mean having a man come from Tallahassee—to contact me on this case?

A. No.

Q. Have you been promised a job as long as you want it by the hotel on condition that you testify as you have in this case.

A. No.

Q. Will you swear to that?

A. Yes.

Q. Is this job of house detective a promotion or a demotion, or what is it?

A. It's just a regular job.

Q. A more refined job than the one you had before, that of doorman, isn't it?

A. Possibly.

Q. The day of the robbery did you describe one of the men as being 25 years old, five feet seven inches in height, weighing 150 pounds, apparently Jewish, smooth shaven, wearing a gray suit, carrying a cap in his hand?

A. So long ago I don't remember.

Q. Is this the man you saw (pointing to Montone)?

A. Yes.

Cohen escorted Montone from his seat to the witness stand. He placed him only a few feet away from the witness and asked, "How tall is this man?"

A. Five feet, eight or nine inches.

Q. Did you see this man hurrying from the Biltmore the night of the robbery?

A. Yes.

Q. Take a good look at him.

A. I did.

Q. Does he weigh 150 pounds?

A. No, I can see that now.

Q. This is the man you said weighed 150 pounds.

A. I can see now that he doesn't.

Q. Your memory is better now?

A. No.

Q. You're not positive this is the man?

A. I'm positive he was the second man I saw hurrying from the hotel.

Q. Who was the second man?

A. [illegible]

Q. Where did he go? Did you [illegible]

A. He went down to the sidewalk. [illegible]

Q. Will you swear under oath you did not send a man to me asking for money?

A. I did not.

(Redirect examination by Worley.)

Q. Were you approached by anyone who offered you money?

A. Yes. By a man who said Montone's lawyers were willing to pay me to tell the truth.

Q. Who was that man?

A. Hollis Meyers.

Q. Where is he now?

A. I don't know. I last saw him a week ago.

(Cohen, on recross.)

Q. You were made house detective April 1?

A. Yes.

Q. What did Meyers tell you?

A. He told me Montone's lawyers would pay for the truth.

Q. Didn't you tell Meyers you were locked up by the Doherty interests?

A. No. Except when I'm on duty I'm free to come and go as I please.

Q. Did you report to anyone Meyer's attempt to bribe you?

A. No. He was my friend, and I didn't want to see him get into trouble.

Q. So you refused money to tell the truth?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you first go to work at the Biltmore?

A. In December of 1934.

Q. Have you worked there continuously?

A. Yes.

Q. What were your hours when you first went there?

A. Seven at night to 7 in the morning.

Q. What were your duties?

A. I was a doorman.

Q. Do you remember when I came to see you?

A. I don't remember the date.

Q. As a matter of fact weren't you made house detective next day and moved into the hotel from the dormitory?

A. No, I became house detective after I left the job as doorman.

Q. Were you a doorman when I saw you?

A. If it was before April 1, yes.

Q. Were you a house detective before moving into the hotel?

A. Yes, for 10 days.

(Redirect by Worley.)

Q. After Cohen visited you, you told Mr. Clark of the visit, didn't you?

A. Yes.

Q. Then Clark moved you into the hotel, didn't he?

A. Yes.

(Question by Cohen.) Did I ask you to do anything wrong?

A. No.

Henry Sears, operator of a rooming house at 1569 N. W. Second st., testified that Call was living at his home at the time of the hold-up. He said Call came there sometime [illegible] in December. At that time, Sears said, he knew Call as Charles Williams, and [illegible]

[illegible] his wife.

Sears said Call had a convertible [illegible]. He identified a note offered by the state as one he received from Call while the latter was in the Miami Beach jail. In the note Call asked him to remove his belongings from his room and keep them for him.

In the note Call instructed Sears to send his things to Miss Kalker at Dayton, Ohio, if he did not return within a week.

Sears said Call was visited frequently by a man who drove a red Packard touring car. He could not identify Montone.

Ruth Kalker took the stand.

Q. What is your name?

A. Ruth Kalker.

Q. Where do you live?

A. Dayton, Ohio.

Q. Were you in Miami in December, 1934, and January, 1935?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. 1569 N. W. Second st.

Q. With whom?

A. With Mr. and Mrs. Sears.

Q. Do you know the defendant?

A. Yes, both of them.

Q. Who did you know first?

A. Call.

Q. Where did you meet him?

A. In West Palm Beach.

Q. Did you come to Miami together from there?

A. Yes, we drove here in my car.

Q. When did you first meet Montone?

A. At the Fleetwood hotel, Miami Beach, with Call.

Q. Did Call introduce him to you?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of a car?

A. He drove a red Packard touring car.

What name did you know Montone by?

A. I knew him only as Nicky.

Q. Do you remember the Biltmore hold-up?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you leave Miami for Dayton?

A. The day after the hold-up.

Q. Did you see Call and Montone on the day of the robbery?

A. Yes, about 1 p. m. They left together for the race track.

Q. Call have a gun?

A. Yes, a pearl-handled one.

Q. An automatic?

A. I believe, it was [illegible]

Q. Any other gun.

A. Yes, two long revolvers.

Q. Did you see Call the night of the hold-up?

A. Yes, about 7 p. m.

Q. What was his appearance?

Cohen objected to the question and the objection was over-ruled.

A. He was highly nervous.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In our room at the [illegible] N. W. [illegible] st.

Q. What did he say?

A. He paced the room [illegible] and re-entered the room several times, then told me to get out and go to dinner as he wanted to change his clothes.

Q. Then did you [illegible]

Q. What did he say at that?

A. He said he deserved his sleep that night, that he had done a hard and good day's work.

Q. What did you do then?

A. We went to the dog races at Miami Beach. He bought a paper and read about the robbery. Then he made some bets on some of the races. I was mad. I was sick, and he wouldn't give me any money to go to a doctor.

Q. Did he tell you about the Biltmore hold-up?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell the jury what he said.

A. He told me that he had gone to the Biltmore and that Montone took the jewels from Mrs. Bell while he robbed Content, and they then ran down the stairs and got away.

Q. Where did he tell you this?

A. In our room while I was packing to leave him.

Q. Did you see the guns that night?

A. Yes, all three of them.

Q. Who bought your ticket to Dayton?

A. He did. But he bought it out of money I got for selling my car.

(Cross examination by Cohen):

Q. How did you first meet Cali?

A. Through my girl friend.

Q. What does she do?

A. She is a nurse in Dayton.

Q. When did you come to Miami?

A. The next day.

Q. Together?

A. Yes. That is, I mean we rode down together in my car.

Q. How did you register at 1569 N. W. Second st.?

A. I lived with my girl friend under my own name. She left, and I moved in with Cali.

Q. How long did you live with him?

A. Eight weeks.

Q. When did you first report to authorities what Cali told you about the hold-up?

A. When I got back to Dayton. I wrote to the department of justice. But the letter did not get there. It went to G2 at the war department. (G2 is the intelligence unit of the war department).

Q. How did it happen to go to the war department?

A. A lawyer told me that was the place to write.

(The witness emphasized the word, "lawyer," and grinned maliciously at the rotund Cohen).

Q. Did you write to Cali after you went back to Dayton?

A. Yes.

Q. Your letters were endearing, weren't they?

A. I loved him.

Q. Do you love him now?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you first tell officers what Cali told you about the robbery?

A. I told department of justice agents last night.

Q. Did you love Cali last night?

A. Yes.

Q. How did you come here?

A. I was brought here.

Q. By whom?

A. Department of justice agents.

Q. Did they tell you you had to come?

A. I didn't ask the question. I'm not responsible for the department of justice. They came after me, and we left. They said, would I like to go to Miami. I said I had a job. They said, you'll go. We left in 25 minutes.

Q. What was discussed on your way here?

A. Nothing. We had a nice time.

Q. You had a nice time? Are you in love with one of the agents?

A. I loved that man (pointing at Cali.)

Q. What did your good time in coming here consist of?

A. Oh, we played bridge.

Q. You're having a good time now, aren't you?

A. I am not.

Q. Did you see Montone between the time he left for the track the day of the robbery and now?

A. No.

Eugene Bryant took the stand.

Q. What is your name?

A. Eugene F. Bryant.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Chief of detectives at Miami Beach.

Q. Do you know Charles Cali?

A. Yes.

Q. Point him out?

Bryant indicated Cali and pointing and saying, 'He's the man at the end of the table."

Q. Were you present at the time of the arrest?

A. No, I came into the station about 10 minutes later.

Q. Did you find some notes smuggled out of the jail by Cali?

A. Yes.

Bryant identified the note sent Sears and identified a second note which he said was intercepted as Cali attempted to hand it to a passer-by for mailing.

Q. What did Cali say about the note?

A. Nothing. He wouldn't discuss them.

Q. What did you do after you intercepted the note which Cali attempted to pass out of his cell?

A. I came to Miami, got two Miami detectives, and we went to 1569 N. W. Second st. There I found Cali's belongings piled up in a hallway. I put them in my car and took them to the Miami Beach police station.

Q. Do you remember when Montone was brought back here from New York?

A. I don't remember exactly.

Q. When did you see him?

A. About four days after his return.

Q. Who was with you?

A. Conroy, a Pinkerton man attached to our department; Carpenter and Harrington.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In the county jail.

Q. Did you talk to him?

A. Yes, [illegible]

[illegible]

Q. When did you see him next?

A. In court today.

Q. When you saw him a few days after his return from New York did he have a mustache?

A. No, he did not.

Q. How long did you talk to him?

A. About 20 minutes.

Q. (By Cohen) Did you blame Montone for not admitting that he knew Cali?

A. No.

Bryant excused.

In the toe of the riding boot I found a man's gold watch with the monogram H. C. on the back.

Q. What else did you find?

A. There were a number of letters, some personal papers, and a box of bullets.

The witness identified a box of bullets as the one he found among Cali's belongings.

Cohen interposed to ask the witness if he had a search warrant when he seized Cali's belongings or if he had Cali's permission to take them. Bryant said no to both questions.

Cohen then objected to the bullets being offered in evidence on the grounds they were unlawfully seized. The court overruled the objection.

Q. Tell what Cali said to you.

Cohen again interrupted to ask that the judge exclude the jury on the grounds that what Cali might have told Bryant would be prejudicial to Montone. The jury was excused.

A. I woke him up in his cell, showed him the watch and asked him where he got it. He said he knew nothing about it and for some time continued to deny any knowledge of it. Finally he said he wouldn't talk in front of two people but agreed to talk to me alone. I took him into my office but he said he had changed his mind about talking because I might have dictaphones concealed in the office. I asked him if he would talk to me if we went out alone in my car. He said he would and we drove to a barbecue stand where we got sandwiches and coffee. Then he talked.

Q. Were any threats made to Cali?

A. Yes. I told him if he didn't talk I'd take means to make him.

Q. Did you tell him what means?

A. I told him I'd slap hell out of him if he didn't.

Q. That was in the station house?

A. Yes—before we went to the barbecue stand.

Cross-examination by Cohen.

Q. You had him scared, didn't you?

A. Yes, he was scared.

Q. Didn't you tell him about getting 40 years and [illegible] accomplice, getting only [illegible]

A. I told him it would be [illegible]

[illegible]

At this point Judge Willard ordered the jury brought back.

Michael F. McNamara, [illegible] lieutenant of police, New York, testified for an hour, describing circumstances of Montone's arrest, telling how the confession was obtained and denying charges of defense counsel that Montone was subjected to cruel treatment.

McNamara said he went to the Warwick hotel with other officers to make the arrest at the request of Miami Beach officials, and found Montone was registered there as Nick Marlowe, Ten-Eyck hotel, New York. The officers waited in the room for a telephone call as the signal of Montone's approach and then made the arrest.

On the way to police headquarters, McNamara said, Montone wanted to know what it was all about and said he thought he could "fix it."

McNamara was questioned, in the absence of the jury upon the objection of defense counsel, to determine admissability of evidence. Judge Willard denied a motion to rule it out and the jury was brought back.

NcNamara then testified Montone admitted he and Cali saw Mrs. Bell, Mr. Content and members of their party at the Hialeah race track and followed them to the Miami Biltmore hotel. Montone said Cali stuck up Content while he stripped Mrs. Bell of her jewels.

They then left the hotel by separate entrances and later met Izzy Fineman, alleged receiver of the stolen property, to whom they gave the valuables. Montone did not see Fineman again until after Cali was arrested at Miami Beach. Montone then left by airplane for New York with the jewels, later meeting a man he said was named Harry Edwards, another receiver of stolen goods, to whom he claimed the jewels finally were given.

Attempting to show third degree methods were used in getting the confession, Attorney Benjamin Cohen questioned McNamara at length.

Long before the panoply of night [illegible] had been drawn Monday about the courtroom drama, unbiased spectators, taking at face value the forecasts of sensational revelations of widespread conspiracy made by George A. Worley, jr., had been forced to the conclusion that the defense was fighting from a trench sapped and mined in advance by the state. Some, too, were disposed to the view that Benjamin Cohen, in a seeming inadvertance of cross-examination of Mrs. Bell, had lessened none the precariousness of the position of Montone and Cali.

Mrs. Bell, echoing the testimony of Harry Content, had struggled to [illegible] for descriptive purposes the general appearance of the two men who had stripped her of a fortune in bejeweled finery. Content had [illegible] one of them as about his height of [illegible] feet, [illegible]

While the descriptions, vague in the sense of exactitude and virtually worthless as an identification—which Content said he could not make outright, anyhow—might fit any two men of the builds of the defendants, it evolved on Cohen's initiative to direct attention to whatever of likeness critical comparison might draw between Montone and Cali, standing to scrutiny in the courtroom, and the generalities of stature given by the witnesses.

Seemingly unmindful that Mrs. Bell's indefiniteness was even more broad than Content's had been, Cohen hit upon a line-up test of the woman's powers of observation.

Standing himself, Cohen, broad of head and chest, almost of pudgy appearance due largely to an obvious "bay window" development, called upon Montone and Cali and the assistant defense attorney, George Schwartz, the latter slightly larger than Cali, to stand likewise.

Cohen then besought Mrs. Bell to say whether any two of the four might respond to her ideas of the builds of the two Miami Biltmore bandits.

"Any two of you three might," said Mrs. Bell, unhesitatingly discarding the stouter Cohen from her calculations.

What the defense attorney had been seeking to develop by his sudden excursion into the reputedly odious realms of comparisons, under circumstances otherwise favorable to his cause, remained unrevealed. Cohen dropped the test immediately.

So far as spectator reaction was concerned, the incident redounded none to the benefit of Montone and Cali, already seemingly "on location" miry and untenable, even if each of them proves able to stick rigidly under the stress of cross-examination, to the mutual "I-never-saw-him-before — never-heard-of-him-before" line of the conspiracy alibi.

Pitfalls for such a recourse to escape an entangling verdict on the part of Montone were outlined in the course of Worley's softly-uttered preview of the state's case. The special prosecutor's voice, almost musical in its ever-modulated cadences, rising never above the level of the drawing-room's at least storied conversational calm, was laden with forecasts of bombshells of revelation to be drawn from the testimony of the state's formidable alignment of witnesses.

"In the unfolding of this case there will be some very startling facts developed," Worley had asserted.

Facing the six jurors, Worley had said this quietly, without emphasis to reach for, or pause to gather the effect of, its dramatic force. But in these few words, amplified by later references to other phases of sensationalism behind this trial, had [illegible] opened to the minds of [illegible] spectators a [illegible] perspectives destined eventually to [illegible]

[illegible] parasitic wage on the [illegible] of a success-emboldened gangland clan could be foreseen, dragged into the scorching light of publicity, perhaps penitentiary bound, thanks to the combined efforts of the United States department of justice, the staff of investigators under Worley's immediate and James M. Carson's supervisory direction, the New York police department, and other law-enforcement agencies.

Lending tremendous force to the matter-of-fact taste of sensations to come, as given in Worley's preliminary statement to the jury, were the revelations released by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the identification bureau of the United States department of justice. Printed in the first edition of the Miami Daily News Monday morning, and distributed at the courthouse less than an hour after the trial of Montone and Cali had been begun, the news that Eugene Bryant, chief of detectives of Miami Beach, had been involved with Noel Scaffa, jewel "recoverer extraordinary," and the latter's right-hand man, C. L. Harrington, in the Scaffa-engineered move to defeat justice in the course of "returning" the stolen Bell gems, the government's revelations created an instant wave of excitement throughout the county building.

Hence, because of the Hoover revelations, although known in all details to a limited circle of Miamians concerned in the investigations here since Friday night, an amazing local significance attached itself to Worley's further calm hint of yet unrevealed machinations.

"We'll prove," said the special prosecutor, "that this man Scaffa had some connection with these defendants, Montone and Cali."

Connections with Montone and Cali, and—who else?

When this stage of Worley's outline had been reached, following a brief summary of the Miami Biltmore crime, the escape of the perpetrators, and the restoration of the fortune in gems they had fled with from the hotel, the place of Montone and Cali in the limelight of their own trial had begun to slip into eclipse.

But a moment later Worley gave back to them their fleeting role of protagonists as he promised out of boyhood waywardness to draw clear of the bludgeons intended to strike down their "I-never-knew-him" chorus. In those years, back in their Brooklyn neighborhood, Montone and Cali, Worley asserted, would be shown to have been running mates and to have been arrested together for some minor offense. Shadows of [illegible] looming out of dim-remembered [illegible] where personages [illegible] yesterday this Lady Macbeth [illegible]

It was Cali's time at the bar. Ton of these two names to snap forward from his slouching position beside George Schwartz and to the left of Montone, to a rigid, strained attention. Montone had no reacted, only with brighter eyes narrowed and snapping, when Worley had reached into the far past of his Brooklyn boyhood and told of the times there when "Little Nicky" and Cali had played together and had been "pinched" together.

But Ruth Kalker and Pauline Spicer! If a hand grenade had been rolled at the feet of Cali, clock-work ticking, he probably would not have appeared to be more startled. And Montone, too, was startled although not so obviously, as his alleged accomplice in the Miami Biltmore crime of last January.

Ruth Kalker and Pauline Spicer, supposed by Cali to be safe from the reach of the prosecution in their Dayton, Ohio, home.

There Cali had sent Ruth, the woman who had lived with him here in Miami, according to the special investigators under Worley's direction, during the time he existed by grace of petty thievery, after he had been precipitated into the "big time" of gangland by participation in the sensational Coral Gables robbery. There, to Dayton, also had gone Pauline Spicer, whose room rent Cali had been paying out of his crime-reaped profits in the same building where he and Ruth had posed as husband and wife, and where Mrs. Spicer had her 12-year-old daughter.

But the department of justice operatives had found Ruth and Pauline and the young Spicer daughter, and from them had learned all they wanted to know.

"We will show by Ruth Kalker and Pauline Spicer," Worley had told to the newly formed jury, that Montone and Cali were well acquainted—that Cali had introduced them to Montone at the boarding house where Cali and the women lived."

What now of this "never knew each other" alibi! Worley indicated, with just a touch of scorn in his smoothly flowing voice.

"The state will prove to your satisfaction," the special prosecutor said, "that Cali and Montone agreed together in jail here, after Montone's return in custody from New York, that Cali would come down before this court and plead guilty to a charge of unarmed robbery, maintaining stoutly that he had never seen Montone before. And, under this agreement between these two defendants, Montone was to be set free and likewise was to say that he never had set eyes on [illegible] before meeting him behind [illegible]

Nervous under [illegible] to him, [illegible] kind of strain, was the first witness called. Accentuating an accustomed neurosis almost to the degree of palsy, Content had an appearance of being "rattled." This his testimony belied. Bobbing his nearly bald pate to questions propounded, the 74-year-old veteran of Wall Street gave a clear picture of the robbery of himself and Mrs. Bell, but was in no wise able to supply anything like an identification of the robbers.

It had all happened in perhaps five minutes, he related. Every second of this time had been primed with action; the bandits wore masks hiding the lower parts of their faces; for a part of the five minutes he lay bound; hence, how could it be expected that he would be able to identify them positively.

But they were armed, both of them, the witness affirmed; there could be no mistake about that—no mistake that justice had sidestepped an issue when the charge against Cali had been reduced by Pine to one of unarmed robbery.

Witness said that Mrs. Bell, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Blake and George Andrews were with him at the hotel and that on the afternoon of the day of the robbery the party had attended the races at Hialeah Park, returning to the hotel before the last race.

They had been at the hotel but a short while, where they had returned with Dr. and Mrs. Blake, when the holdup occurred. Witness had been in his own bedroom, in the apartment adjoining that of Mrs. Bell, talking over long-distance telephone, when he heard a muffled scream from the adjoining apartment. Rushing into Mrs. Bell's parlor he was made suddenly aware that a holdup was in progress. One of the men, he said, the one he later described as the slightly taller and larger of the pair, rushed up behind him and shoved a gun under Content's ear.

"Mrs. Bell's maid locked herself in a bathroom and started yelling for help," he continued.

"The men wanted Mrs. Bell and myself to lie on the floor. They tied our hands and feet but didn't tie my feet very good."

Content was questioned by the special prosecutor.

Q. "Did you see the man taking the jewelry from Mrs. Bell?"

A. "He never turned around. It was somewhat dark."

Q. "Did he have anything in his hand?"

A. "I'll say he did."

Q. "What did you see?"

A. "I saw an automatic."

Q. "Did the man who took the money and watch?"

A. "He didn't take as much as the papers said. I only [illegible] with me. He [illegible]

Content then illustrated his [illegible] explaining that "one stroke [illegible] missing." He indicated the [illegible] chain.

He explained the value of the watch was $400, and completed his direct examination by saying, "The one who robbed me had a [illegible] and [illegible] wore a soft hat."

Benjamin Cohen, defense attorney, took up the examination of the witness.

"You were quite nervous, Mr. Content," he asked. "Especially nervous at the time of the robbery?"

"I'm nervous at this time," witness replied and added: "At times of emergency, I think I've got plenty of nerve."

He then described the robbery, answer to defense questions, without varying from his first account.

Mrs. Bell, full of face and [illegible] sided brunette, was attired in a simple afternoon frock of black and white and a wide-brimmed [illegible] hat. Her jewelry consisted [illegible] diamond necklace.

She gave her name as Margaret Bell, then told of going to the hotel bar for cocktails following the return of the party from the race track.

"Members of the party went to the living room. They stayed only a few minutes," she testified. "I was sitting on the sofa, reading a paper. Suddenly the door opened and two men came in with guns. Then I saw one of them hit Mr. Content.

"The man that took my diamonds—my things—told me to turn over on my stomach and tied my hands and feet."

Under direct examination Mrs. Bell said she could not say how the bandits were dressed. "They were rather small men. I think the man looking after me had a hat. Both were masked."

She described the jewelry taken from her when Attorney Worley asked "What did they take from you?"

"Four rows of pearls, one diamond ring, one diamond [illegible] with two diamonds, heart-shaped one sapphire and diamond [illegible] watch and one diamond bracelet."

"Was your jewelry insured?" asked the attorney.

"Yes."

"For how much?"

"$135,500."

"What was the value?"

An objection by defense [illegible] was sustained by Judge [illegible]

Next Attorney Worley asked: "Did you ever get it back?"

"No," said [illegible]

"[illegible] about Margaret, I think [illegible] you did [illegible]

"It was on Monday—the 18th, I believe."

Mrs. Bell said she saw her jewelry in a Miami Beach jewelry store and that among the persons present were Mr. Content, Eugene E. Bryant, Miami Beach police sergeant, and C. Harrington, private detect. the Noel Scaffa agency.

Her testimony, too, was unequivocal on the point that both robbers were armed.

Just before Worley started his address, 80 witnesses for the state and defense, among them Mrs. Bell and Content, were sworn. They were then excluded from the courtroom. In addition to Content and Mrs. Bell, several members of the New York detective force were sworn.

Montone and Call were the only two witnesses to take the oath for the defense. Asked by the court if he contemplated calling other witnesses, Benjamin Cohen, defense attorney, said he did not at this time.

Mrs. Bell exhibited no nervousness as she took the oath. She had previously posed for newspaper photographers and before being called sat and chatted amiably with Mrs. Howard Blake, who, with her husband, was a member of the Bell-Content party at the time of the holdup.

At 3:35 p. m. the jury was completed. Members of the jury are:

Irving Van Huss, 598 N. W. 65th st.

Charles B. Clinton, Florida City.

Bruce A. Ennis, Homestead.

Claude C. High, 1922 N. W. 47th terrace.

Edmund Spooner, 178 West Fifth st., Hialeah.

John A. Ray, 605 W. Flagler st.

The scene in the court rooms on the north side of the sixth floor of the county building, was one not readily to slip from the minds of actors and spectators.

Seated before the judicial dais, a little in front of Deputy Clerk A. D. Killian, were George A. Worley, jr., and James M. Carson, on whom the state relies as prosecuting attorneys.

Immediately benind these leading spirits of the prosecution, on whose acute initiative the hand of the government was brought into the Miami-Biltmore jewel theft mystery, and separated by a table, sat the defendants, Montone and Call.

They sat between their attorney, Benjamin Cohen, on the one side and George Schwartz, an assistant in Cohen's law office, on the other.

Slouched to Montone's left, Call, confessedly an actor in the Miami-Biltmore drama of banditry, and faced by the certainty of some sword of punishment in addition to the eight years of prison already ahead of him, presented no such dapper picture as his alleged fellow "cat's paw" in the Bell gem robbery. Hair tousled, beetle-browed eyes shifting uneasily at times, listlessly at others, togged in dull light trousers and partly faded coat of blue, Call easily was the forlorn figure of the scene.

Lightening the picture, a congregation of spectators alien for the most part to the usual courtroom "regulars," clung tenaciously to all available seats within and without the railing that is supposed to divide audience from legal stage.

Among these were an unaccustomed sprinkling of woman.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1935

Times Herald

U. S. ARRESTS CLEAN UP BIG 'JEWEL RING'

Hoover Declares Present Case Bigger Than Dillinger's; Captures Made All Over the East

By Universal Service

Descending with lightning speed on underworld haunts last night, Federal agents and police of a dozen Eastern States began a round-up of an international jewel theft ring whose annual "take" is estimated at millions.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, declared new arrests are being made hourly. He said:

Important Case

"This is the most important case we have ever had. It completely overshadows the Dillinger case.

"New arrests are being made hourly, down the entire Atlantic seaboard, from the Canadian border to the foot of Florida.

"I can't reveal the identities yet of the men involved, but their names are among the most important in the underworld."

The arrests grow out of a Federal investigation of a $200,000 jewel robbery at Miami Jan. 7, Mr. Hoover said. The Department of Justice [illegible] tracing the theft of four [illegible] necklaces [illegible] from Mrs. [illegible]

Gems Returned

The detective, Federal agents reported here, received the stolen Bell gems and returned them to their owner through an intermediary. A similar scheme is alleged to have been worked by the same detective following the famous Donahue jewel robbery in New York several years ago. The understanding was that the stolen articles would be returned if the owner would agree to ask no questions.

Fat rewards are reported to have been paid the private detective for "recovery" of countless numbers of stolen jewels. One large British insurance company is understood to have paid a high reward for return of the Bell jewels.

Contrary to the report that these jewels were found by Chief Detective Eugene Bryant in an automobile, Mr. Hoover asserted they were found in a safe deposit vault, the key to which was turned over by the private detective on March 18.

U. S. Jury to Act

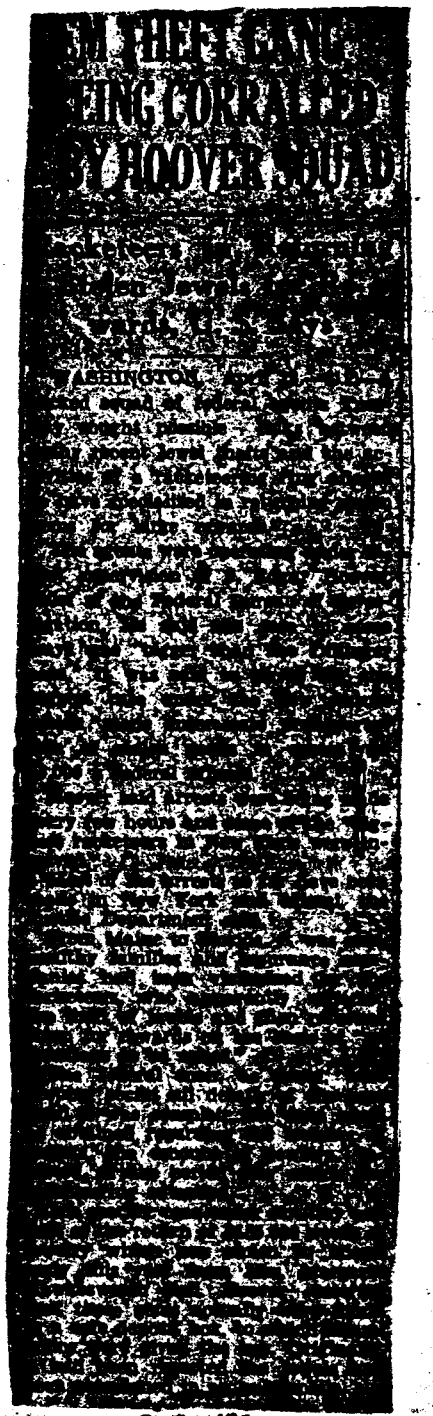
Evidence compiled by the Justice agents is being presented to a Federal grand jury at New York city, for indictment of the leaders of the plot.

Charles Call and Nicholas Monaco, New Yorkers on trial at Miami on charges of robbing Mrs. [illegible] will be taken before the grand jury at New York as soon as the Florida trial has ended.

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Scout Troop 28 Will Register Fingerprints

Troop 28, Atlanta Boy Scouts, Tuesday afternoon will be the first group of Scouts in America to furnish fingerprints to personal identification files of the Department of Justice in Washington. That action marks the opening here of a service where all citizens so desiring may obtain prints to be furnished the Washington bureau, it was announced Tuesday morning by Captain R. J. Seabrook, in charge of police identification bureau.

Under leadership of Scoutmaster W. J. Warner and Scout Commissioner Herman E. Epstein, the membership of Troop 28 will visit the Police Identification Bureau, where their fingerprints will be placed on special cards furnished by the Washington bureau.

"So far as we can ascertain, the Atlanta troop will be the first in the nation to furnish fingerprints en masse to the national bureau," Captain Seabrook stated Tuesday. [illegible]

"The movement to have every child's fingerprints on file with the Washington bureau is a fine idea, have the consent and co-operation of the parents of the Scouts in Troop 28. The furnishing of fingerprints not only will prove valuable in case of disaster but will also act as a deterrent to crime," the captain announced.

Fingerprints at the personal identification bureau will be given only in case of amnesia, disputed establishment of claims in accidents, and are entirely divorced from the criminal fingerprints at the Washington [illegible]

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U.S. Begins Roundup Of $3,000,000 Ring Of Jewel Robbers

Wholesale Raids Made on Underworld from Canada to Florida

SCAFFA IS QUIZZED

Grand Jury Questions Detective 4 Hours on Gem Recovery

A roundup of an international ring of jewel thieves was begun by the Department of Justice last night co-incident with the Federal Grand Jury's investigation of Neal Scaffa, private detective who specializes in returning stolen gems.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declared in Washington that the raids on the ring "completely overshadow the Dillinger case," and added:

"Twelve arrests are being made hourly, down the Atlantic seaboard from Canada to Florida. I can't reveal the identities of the men involved as yet, but their names are among the most important in the underworld."

$3,000,000 Thefts Probed

Both the arrests and the inquiry into Scaffa's activities arise from the recent recovery of $185,000 in gems stolen on Jan. 29 in Miami, Fla., from Mrs. Margaret Hawkes-Bell. It was [illegible] Government men finish, however, they expect to gain important information about jewel thefts totaling $3,000,000.

Hoover incidentally denounced as "lies" the story of Miami detectives that Mrs. Bell's jewels were mysteriously dropped in a [illegible]'s car.

Deputy Chief of Detectives Thomas Bryant got the gems from a safety deposit box with a key furnished him by Scaffa, and that [illegible] Harrington, an associate of Scaffa, was with Bryant when the box was opened.

Two on Trial in Miami

Hoover issued his statement a few hours before a jury was completed in Miami for the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, of Brooklyn, in connection with the Bell robbery.

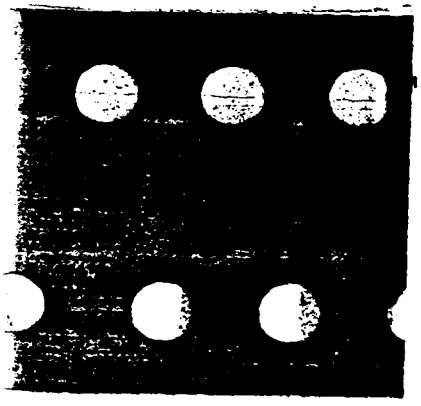
The inquiry by the New York Federal Grand Jury was instigated by the Department of Justice, acting under the new national stolen property act, which makes interstate transportation of stolen property punishable by 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

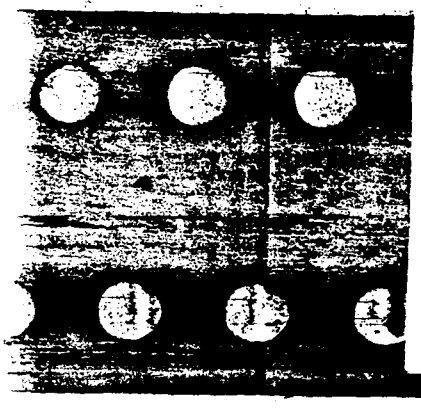
Scaffa was questioned for four hours by the jury on Saturday. He would make no comment yesterday.

Hoover's statement declared Scaffa went to Miami by airplane at Montone's request shortly after the robbery.

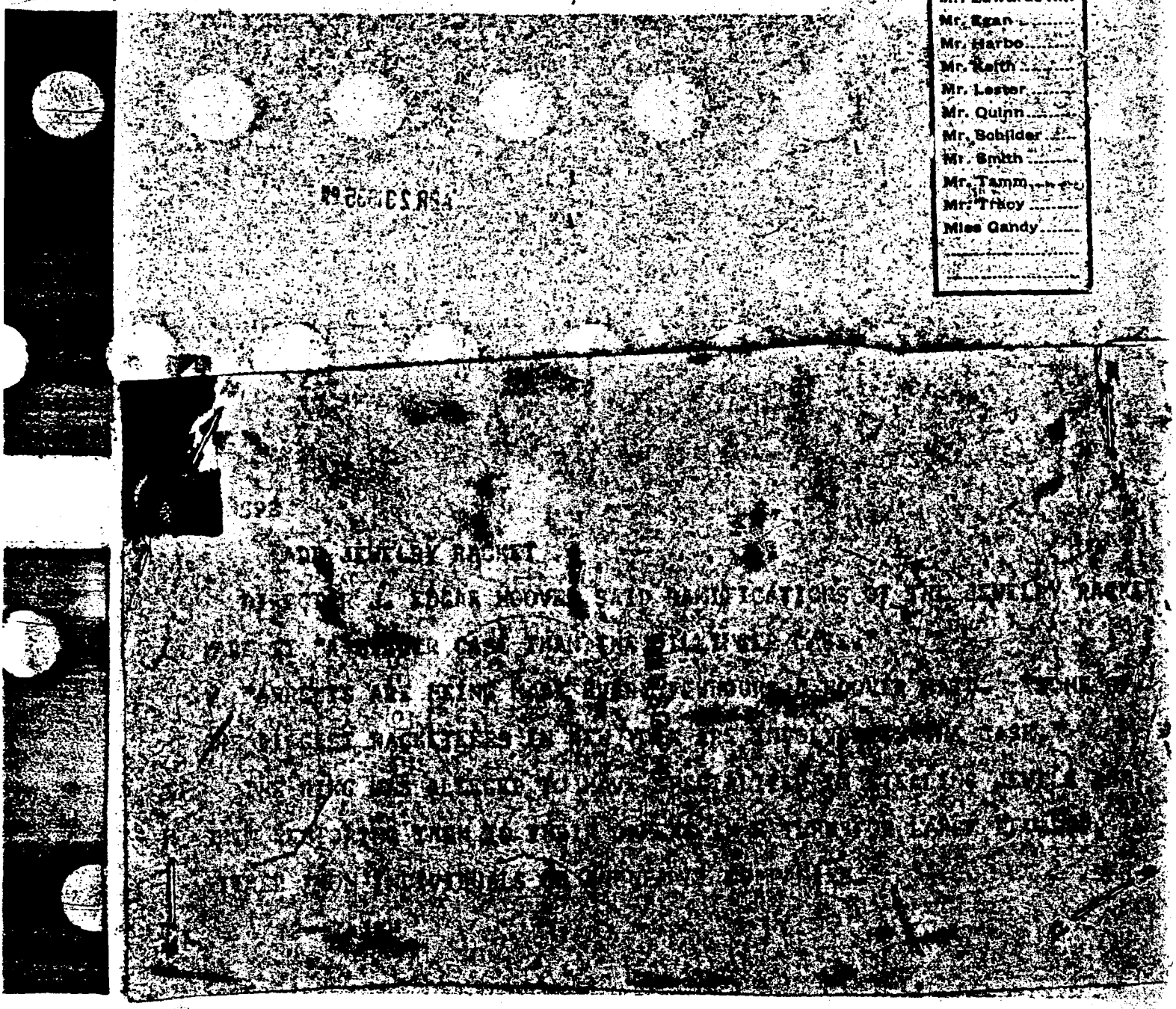
It said also that Montone admitted taking the jewels with him to New York, where he fled by airplane after Call had been arrested at Miami Beach, but told authorities "conflicting stories as to the disposition made of them." Montone was arrested afterward on information furnished by Call.

(For a list of cases in which Scaffa is reported to have worked as a negotiator for the return of gems turn to Page 4.)





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JEWEL ROBBERY "PLOT" IS CHARGED

Investigators Say Officers, Private Detectives Planned Reward "Split."

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, Fla., April 23.—Startling developments unraveled rapidly today as prosecutors bared in testimony what they described as the true story of the $185,000 jewel robbery of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former Follies dancer, and her companion, Harry Content, 71-year-old New York broker.

The testimony was introduced at the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali on armed robbery charges growing out of the holdup in Mrs. Bell's Miami Biltmore Hotel suite January 26.

Montone and Cali are on trial now only for the robbery of Content, who lost a watch and a small amount of cash in the holdup. All the loot was recovered.

An official statement by Federal investigators and James M. Carson, attorney for the hotel, bared details of how $15,000 reward for the recovery of Mrs. Bell's jewels allegedly was to be "split" by law officers and private detectives.

Among the court testimony introduced was a statement by a woman who gave her name as Miss Ruth Kalker of Dayton, Ohio, that shortly after the robbery Cali told her he had robbed Content and that Montone took the jewels from Mrs. Bell. The girl said she had lived with Cali here.

Previously, Burke Anderson, hotel detective, testified Montone was "the first man I saw hurrying from the hotel the night of the hold-up." Since the robbery, he said, he had been approached by emissaries of Montone's lawyers and offered money to "tell the truth."

Other witnesses at the morning session included Dr. Howard Blake, New York dentist, and Mrs. Bell's maid, Armadine Pechtl.

Blake, who with his wife occupied a hotel suite that connected by a bath room with one occupied by Mrs. Bell, testified he had known Montone for several years and that he had talked with Montone at a horse race track on the day of the robbery and a few days prior thereto.

The dentist said Montone had asked him at what hotel he was stopping.

After returning to their hotel with Mrs. Bell and Content from the track, Blake said he and his wife were startled by a call for help and that upon entering Mrs. Bell's suite, found her and Content bound with rope. The robbers had fled before an alarm was sounded.

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'BIGGEST CASE WE'VE HAD,' SAYS HOOVER

Police of 12 States Join in Hunt 'Overshadowing' That For John Dillinger

NEW YORK, April 23 (I.N.S.).—Federal Department of Justice agents were cooperating with the police of a dozen Eastern States today in an attempt to break up an international organization of jewel thieves whose operations were described in Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal men, as being the most extensive "turned up" by his men in recent years.

Spurred by the mystery surrounding the recovery in Florida last month of gems worth $185,000, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, the Federals and local police were swooping down on all known criminal haunts today in a determined effort to round up the gang's ringleaders.

Coincident with the activities of the Government men, it was learned the Federal grand jury here is investigating the activities of Noel C. Scaffa, private detective noted for recovering stolen jewelry. Scaffa was instrumental in the return of the Bell valuables.

Detective Questioned

Scaffo first came into prominence when he returned jewels stolen from Mrs. James P. Donahue, Woolworth heiress, in 1925, and his activities have been investigated several times before. He spent four hours under questioning by the Federal grand jury last Saturday. No charges of any wrong-doing have been made against him.

Any tendency on the part of his men to under-estimate the importance of the current investigations, were entirely dispelled by Mr. Hoover when he said:

"This is the most important case we have ever had. It completely overshadows the Dillinger case.

"New arrests are being made hourly, from the Canadian border to the foot of Florida. I cannot yet reveal the names of the men involved, but they are among the most important in the underworld."

Rhea Whitley, new head of the Department of Justice's New York bureau, branded as a "hoax" the original story of the return of the Bell jewels, which had it that the jewels were placed in an automobile being used by Chief of Detectives Eu[illegible] Bryant, of Miami, and C. Harrington, Scaffa, aide, while they were in a hotel.

Gangster on Trial

The Department of Justice charges that Scaffa himself delivered to Bryant the key to a railroad station box in which the jewelry was found. Scaffa, the department alleges, asked Bryant to conceal the fact that he personally had returned the gems.

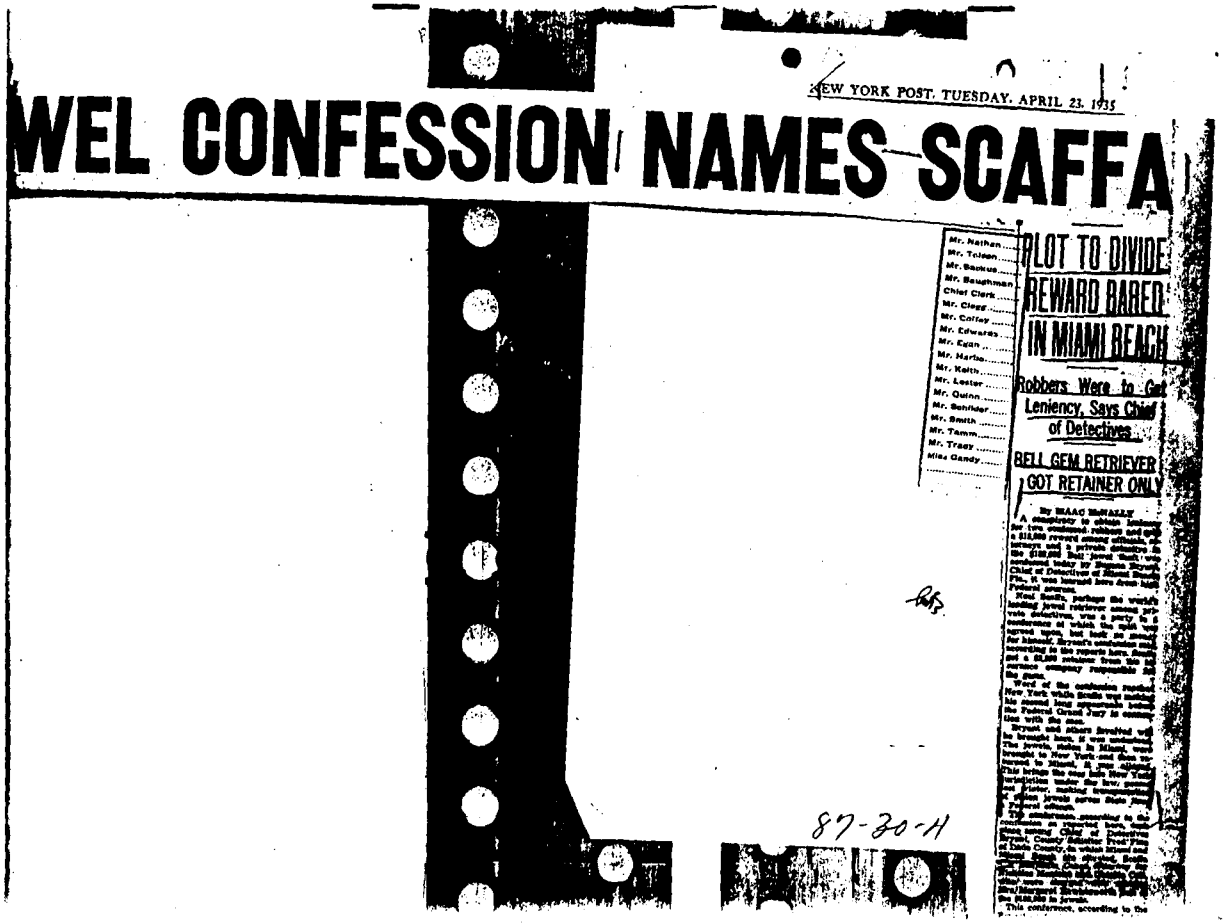
The disclosure of the widespread investigations against an alleged "international gang" here, came as Nicky Montone, Brooklyn gangster, and Charles Cali went on trial in Miami on charges in connection with the theft of the Bell jewels. The charge against Montone was nol prossed some time ago, while Cali was permitted to plead guilty of simple robbery for which he received an eight-year sentence.

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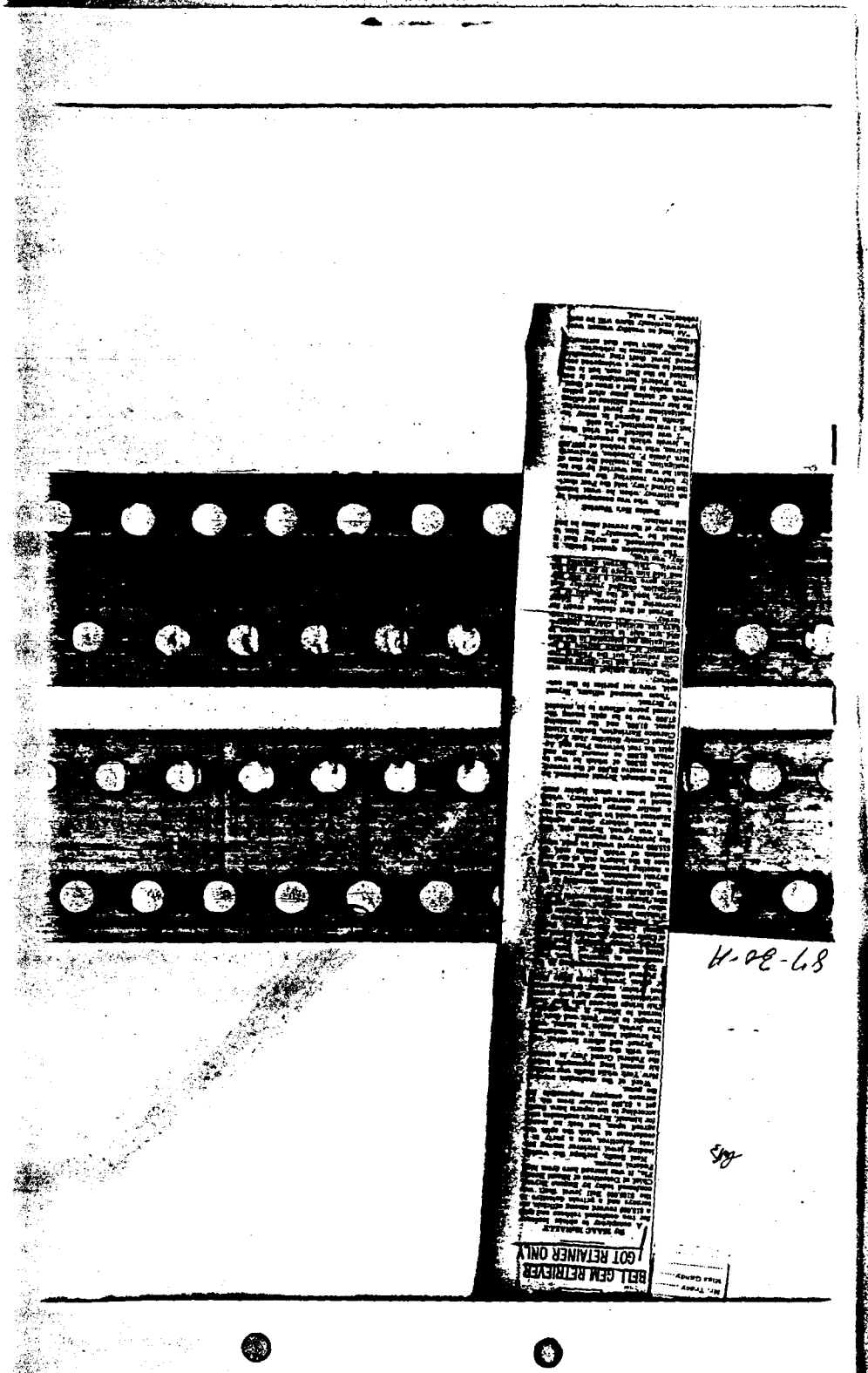
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PLOT TO DIVIDE REWARD BARED IN MIAMI BEACH

Robbers Were to Get Leniency, Says Chief of Detectives

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MILLIONS IN GEMS RESTORED BY SCAFFA'S WORK

Noel Scaffa, the private detective whose ability to recover stolen gems is under investigation by the Federal Grand Jury, has acted in scores of notable cases.

His outstanding achievement was engineering the return of $660,000 worth of jewels taken from the Hotel Plaza suite of Mrs. James P. Donahue in 1925.

Tried and Acquitted

Subsequently he was charged with compounding a felony, tried and acquitted. He said he paid $65,000 to a mysterious "Sam Layton" for the return of the gems.

In the same year Scaffa succeeded in restoring part of $200,000 in gems stolen from Joshua C. Cosden. He traced a $40,000 pearl from a necklace shortly after the theft and that eventually was returned.

In 1926 jewels valued at $26,665 were stolen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Willock. They re-appeared after Scaffa had been hired to hunt them.

Other Cases Listed

Other cases in which he has been called in and the amount of the loot are:

Mrs. Samuel M. Goldsmith, sister of Arch and Ray Selwyn, theatrical men, $80,000.

Mrs. Grafton W. Minot, of 11 E. 90th st., $90,000.

Mrs. Hortense Herman, of 470 West End ave., $300,000.

Mrs. Ray Alan Van Clief, of Buffalo, $250,000.

Mrs. Stedman Bent, of Overbrook, Pa., $33,000.

Mrs. S. Stanwood Menken, of 34 W. 52d st., $200,000.

Mrs. William T. Starr, 15 W. 55th st., $25,000.

Mrs. Alfred R. Chapin, Springfield, Mass., $30,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yaffa, 1280 Park ave., $50,000.

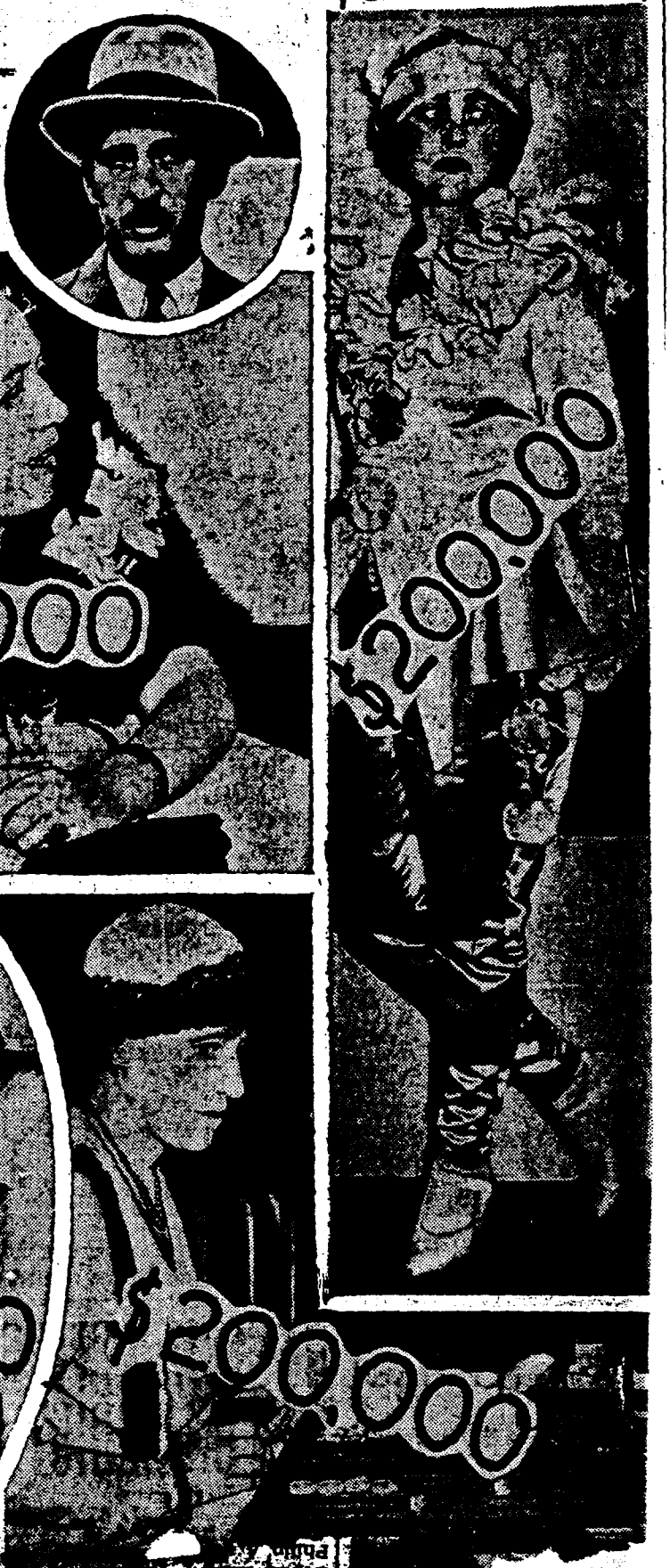
Mrs. R. J. Anderson, of Newport, R. I., $50,000.

Sydney Hutchinson, Beverly, Mass., $250,000.

Mrs. Payne Whitney, $25,000.

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VICTIMS WHO CALLED SCAFFA



NOTABLE CLIENTS—Noel C. Scaffa [illegible] amounts of the [illegible] James P. Donahue, the for

NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1935.

U. S. JURY HEARS SCAFFA AGAIN

He Declines to Discuss Bell Jewel Robbery Before Examination.

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, who was instrumental in retrieving $246,000 in stolen jewels to Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former dancer, testified again today before a Federal Grand Jury which is investigating charges that band of jewel robbers specializes in restoring lifted valuables to the owners for rewards.

Mrs. Bell was robbed in the Miami Biltmore Hotel, in Florida, on January 26. Harry Content, Wall Street brooker, with her at the time, also lost at platinum watch and some currency.

Scaffa declined to discuss the Bell case or the larger conspiracy issue when he reported at the Federal Building, in response to a new subpoena served late yesterday.

With his lawyer's consent, he gave out this statement:—

"I have been doing detective work for twenty-seven years and have always done it legally and properly. I am happy to go before the Grand Jury and give any information that I may be able to give."

Department of Justice agents are seeking to link the Bell case with other large-scale jewel robberies in which rewards have been paid. Scaffa, with offices at 111 John St., specialises in recovering stolen property for insurance concerns.

Mrs. Bell and Mr. Content are expected to be called as witness before the Grand Jury.

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SCAFFA IS GIVEN THE CREDIT FOR GEM RECOVERY

Justice Department Says He, Not Police Chief, Arranged Return.

LET LATTER HAVE HONOR

Private Detective Goes Before Grand Jury Here to Testify About Bell Robbery.

Just as Noel C. Scaffa, private detective who specializes in recovering stolen jewels, was testifying before a Grand Jury here on the matter, the Department of Justice announced that it had obtained a statement from Eugene Bryant, chief of Miami Beach detectives, telling the true story of the recovery of gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami.

It was Scaffa, according to this statement, made and signed yesterday afternoon, who obtained their return, not Bryant as announced.

Furthermore, Scaffa, who had accepted a fee from the insurance company with which Mrs. Bell had a policy, participated in arranging division of the reward, part of which went to his Miami representative. Others who shared in the $15,000 included Bryant, the lawyer who defended the jewel thief who told where the gems might be found.

Fred Pine, county solicitor, and Jack Kehoe, his assistant, had agreed that the defendant should [illegible] if the

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ize a spread of the Toledo automobile strike throughout the industry was seen in a statement today by President William Green.

Mr. Green said the Toledo workers had "decided among themselves" upon the walkout, but that the federation would offer assistance to bring about a settlement.

Mr. Green's statement expressed his view that there was "grave danger" the Toledo strike might spread to other automotive plants because of workers' resentment against the Automobile Labor Board headed by Leo C. Wolman.

"The workers in the Toledo plant decided among themselves for a walkout this morning," Mr. Green

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IN GEM MYSTERY



The federal bureau of investigation has revealed that the gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell (above) in Miami were not dropped i nan officer's car as previously announced, but were recovered from a safety box.

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(Mirror)
'BLACK MAGIC' IS TABOO—When Noel T. Scaffa recently returned $246,000 of stolen jewels to Mrs. Margaret H. Bell (shown), it was merely another laurel to the super-sleuth. But Federal authorities, who failed to find the baubles, became incensed. Scaffa has been haled before a Federal Grand Jury and the Government wants to know how he manages the return of stolen gems.

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U. S. JURY GRILLS SCAFFA ON JEWELS

'Go Between' Must Explain Methods

By JOHN McNULTY.

THE key to a deposit box in a Miami bus terminal, in which $246,000 in stolen jewels were found, yesterday threatened to unlock the secret of Noel C. Scaffa's vast contact with the gem-stealing sector of the underworld.

The tiny key was handed over with ironic gesture by Scaffa, famous private detective, to Chief of Detectives Eugene E. Bryant, of Miami, Department of Justice agents revealed. Within an hour after Scaffa's transfer of the key the previously helpless Florida sleuths figuratively had been led by the hand by the New York intermediary and shown the semi-public resting place of the jewels.

And—significant item—within a week, the charge of robbery against "Little Nicky" Montone, Brooklyn hoodlum accused of complicity in the theft, had been nolle-prossed.

Federal agents, closing in on underworld go-betweens in the campaign to enforce the National Stolen Property Act, hauled Scaffa before the Federal Grand Jury yesterday to explain his miracle-making in the return of the jewels, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, New York so-



waited in his hotel room. His man, Harrington, went with Bryant to the station, and there were the jewels, which they brought back to Scaffa's room in the Hotel Villa d'Este. Scaffa looked them over and compared them to the list of Mrs. Bell. There were four neck-

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Scene: Mrs. Bell's apartment, the Flamingo Hotel, Miami Beach, March 18. Present are Mrs. Bell, Content, Scaffa and Bryant.

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What's Behind the Robbery?



Mrs. Margaret Bell, and Harry Content, who were robbed of jewels which were "found" too quickly. Police wonder . . . ?

Mrs. Bell and Harry Content

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SCAFFA QUIZZED ON JEWEL DEAL

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Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are newly armed with the provisions of the Act, which makes it a crime punishable by ten years in the penitentiary to transport stolen property worth more than $5,000 from one State to another.

They want to know from Scaffa, world's champion stolen jewelry getter-backer, how he was able to fly with the certainty of a homing pigeon from his New York office to the cache of brilliant baubles, with only one stop at the cell of the accused thief.

Already the Federal sleuths have certain information that the original story of the return of Mrs. Bell's quarter-of-a-million adornments, a story involving touches of black magic and mysterious phone calls, was a sheer fabrication of fancy. Miami police, hitherto "covering up" for Scaffa, have admitted that.

Here's the rapidly unrolling Real-life scenario which may prove to be the revelation of how the zipper-mouthed private detective won his remunerative title of "I'll-geet-the-stoff-back-Scaffa":

TWO MASKED MEN MAKE GEM HAUL

Scene: Mrs. Bell's apartment in the Miami Biltmore, cocktail hour, Saturday, Jan. 26. Mrs. Bell, former star ballroom dancer, wife of a retired broker, has come back glittering with precious stones, including a 32-carat diamond ring, from Hialeah Park Race Track. With her are Harry Content, a broker who is her attorney. Dr. Howard Blake, Park Avenue dentists, and George H. Andrews, New York broker.

B-r-r-r-r-r! Phone call. Two men are bringing up flowers, the maid says. They enter, the party faces two masked men with guns, Mrs. Bell and Content are trussed up, her jewelry taken. Gunmen threaten to rip off her finger to get the diamond. FADE OUT TO - - - -

Scene: Miami. Charles Cali, parachute-jumper and holder of a police record, jailed for stealing a couple of bicycles. From a window drops a note intended for his landlord. Intercepted, it directs landlord to get rid of what is hidden in his riding-boots. Down in a toe is found Content's watch. "So you won't talk, eh?" Cali blabs, names Nicholas "(Little Nicky") Montone, as his pal in the hold-up. FADE OUT TO . . . .

Scene: New York: Montone, confronted with Cali's accusation, admits his complicity, says he flew from Miami to New York with the jewels before Cali's arrest but denied disposing of them there. FADE OUT TO . . . .

SO THEY CONFERRED IN COUNTY JAIL

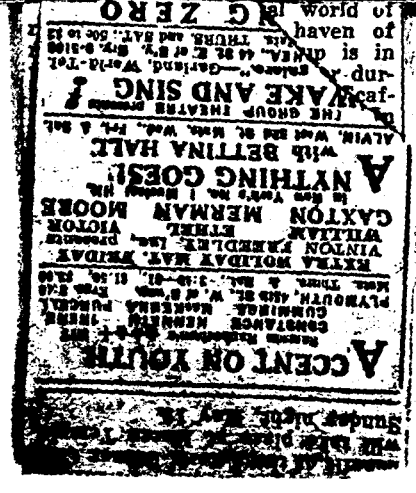
Scene: Montone's cell. Scaffa, landing by plane from New York, following his receipt of a telegram from Montone, is isolated with the accused thief in Dade County Jail in a solitary interview. Scaffa emerges, no trace of a sardonic grin about his countenance. FADE OUT TO...

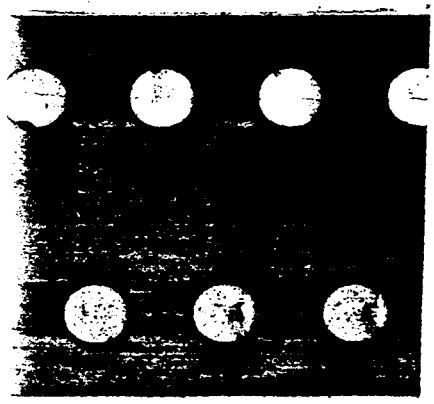
Scene: Office of Fred Pine, Miami County Solicitor. With Pine, Scaffa, Eugene E. Bryant, chief of detectives; Benjamin Cohen (Montone's counsel), and C. Harrington, Scaffa's Miami man, are present. They confer. No word leaks through the door to the world-at-large. "Mrs. Bell and Mr. Content are expected back in Miami March 17, to buy furnishings for Mrs. Bell's new and expensive home on sun-drenched Belle Isle," or words to that effect, are spoken to the gem getter-backer. FADE OUT TO...

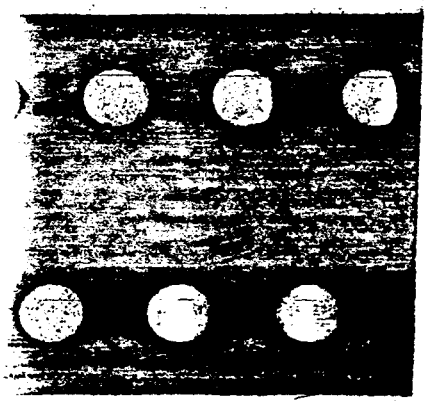
Scene: Mrs. Bell's apartment, the Flamingo Hotel, Miami Beach, March 18. Present are Mrs. Bell, Content, Scaffa and Bryant. "Could either of you identify Montone when you saw him in the police line-up in New York?" Mrs. Bell and Content are asked. "No," they answer, although in New York Mrs. Bell had said that she "thought" he was one of the gunmen. "Okay," or words to that effect, comes the answer, and Scaffa and Bryant tell the County Solicitor's office of the failure to identify. FADE OUT TO—

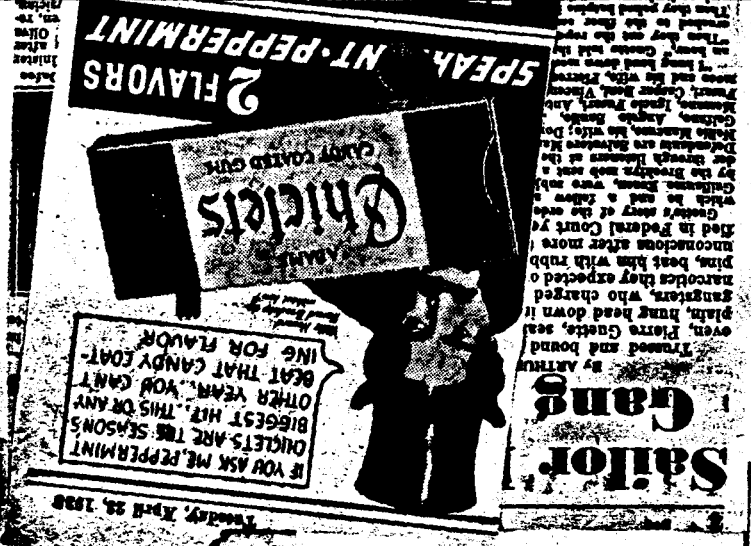
Scene: The office of Bryant, chief of detectives, in Miami, the evening of the same day. Figurative flourish of trumpets, and

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Scaffa Faces U. S. Jury on Jewelry Deal

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Bryant and Harrington make the announcement: "The jewels have been returned. A mysterious voice on the phone told us to be at the desk at the Flamingo at 6:15 p. m. Nobody there knew where the call came from when we appeared. We milled around the lobby, went out after awhile to our auto. Lo, and behold, there were the jewels, intact, in black paper in the back seat." FADE OUT TO—

Scene: Miami Police Station, the morning after black magic brings back the loot. Enter, Noel (which, incidentally, means "Christmas," the time of gifts, in French) C. Scaffa. "Hello, boys!" says he. "Good-bye, boys." Mr. Scaffa departs with an expression that indicates he is going to take a plane back to New York at once. He does. FADE OUT TO—

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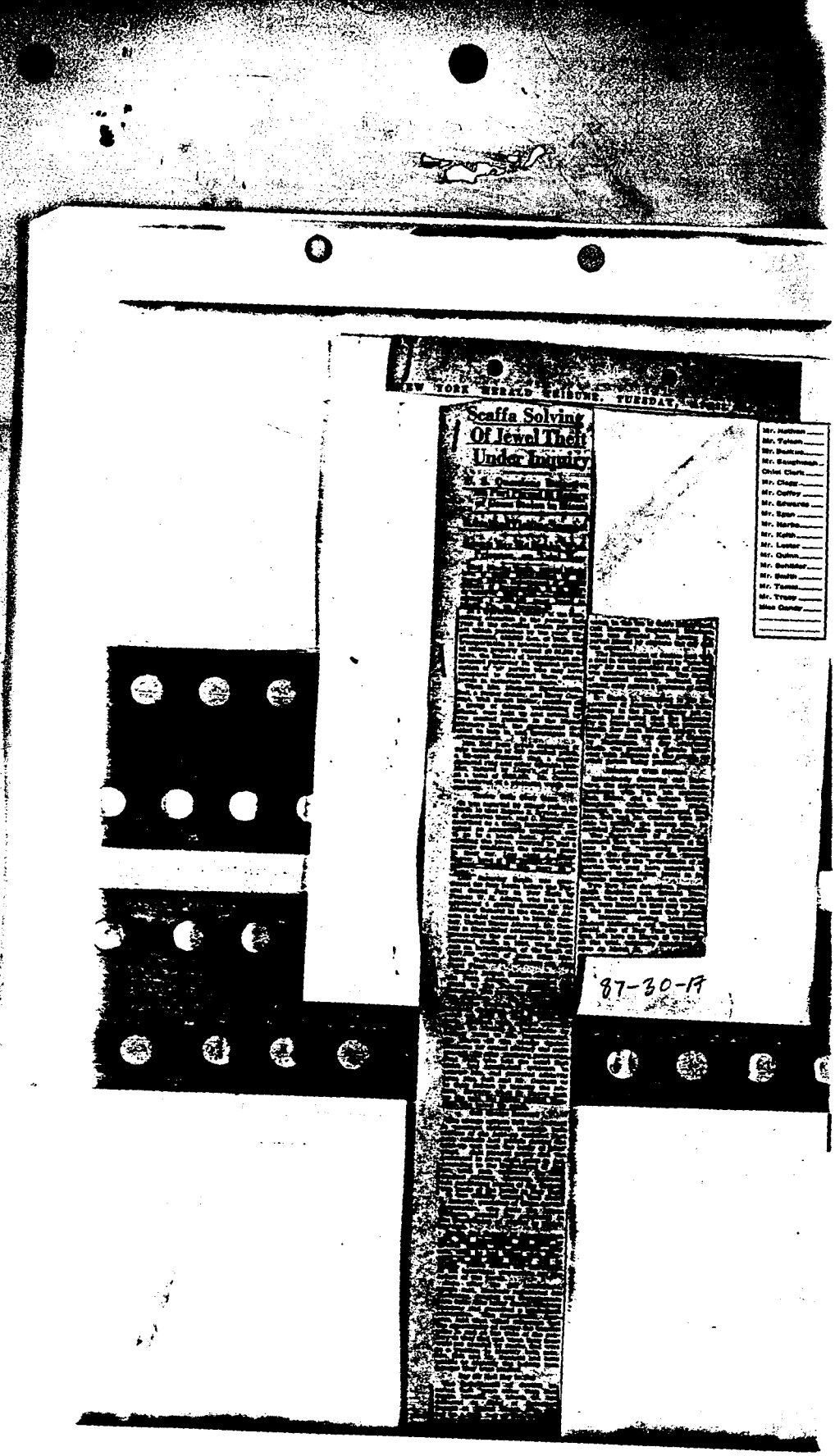
Scene: A Miami Courtroom, March 17: County Solicitor Pine, former law partner, by the way, of Defense Counsel Pine, is addressing the court. "There is insufficient evidence to convict Montane, since Mrs. Bell and Content signed statements when the jewelry was returned, saying they couldn't identify him." FADE OUT TO—

Scene: Another Miami Courtroom. The charge against Cali is reduced to "robbery, unarmed," although the victims clearly stated the bandits had flourished guns. "Robbery, armed" carries possible life imprisonment; for the "unarmed" charge, Cali gets eight years in prison. FADE OUT TO—

Scene: The political world of Dade, turbulent Miami, haven of vice. A political shake-up is in progress, and those in power during the Cali-Montone-Bryant-Scaffa arrangement are disturbed. In reverberations that follow, new charges of "armed robbery" are filed against Montane. FADE OUT TO—

Scene: United States Department of Justice Headquarters in Washington. Agents are operatives who have been assigned to clean up the Atlantic seaboard jewel robberies. In a drive to enforce the [illegible] Property Act. The [illegible] repeat:

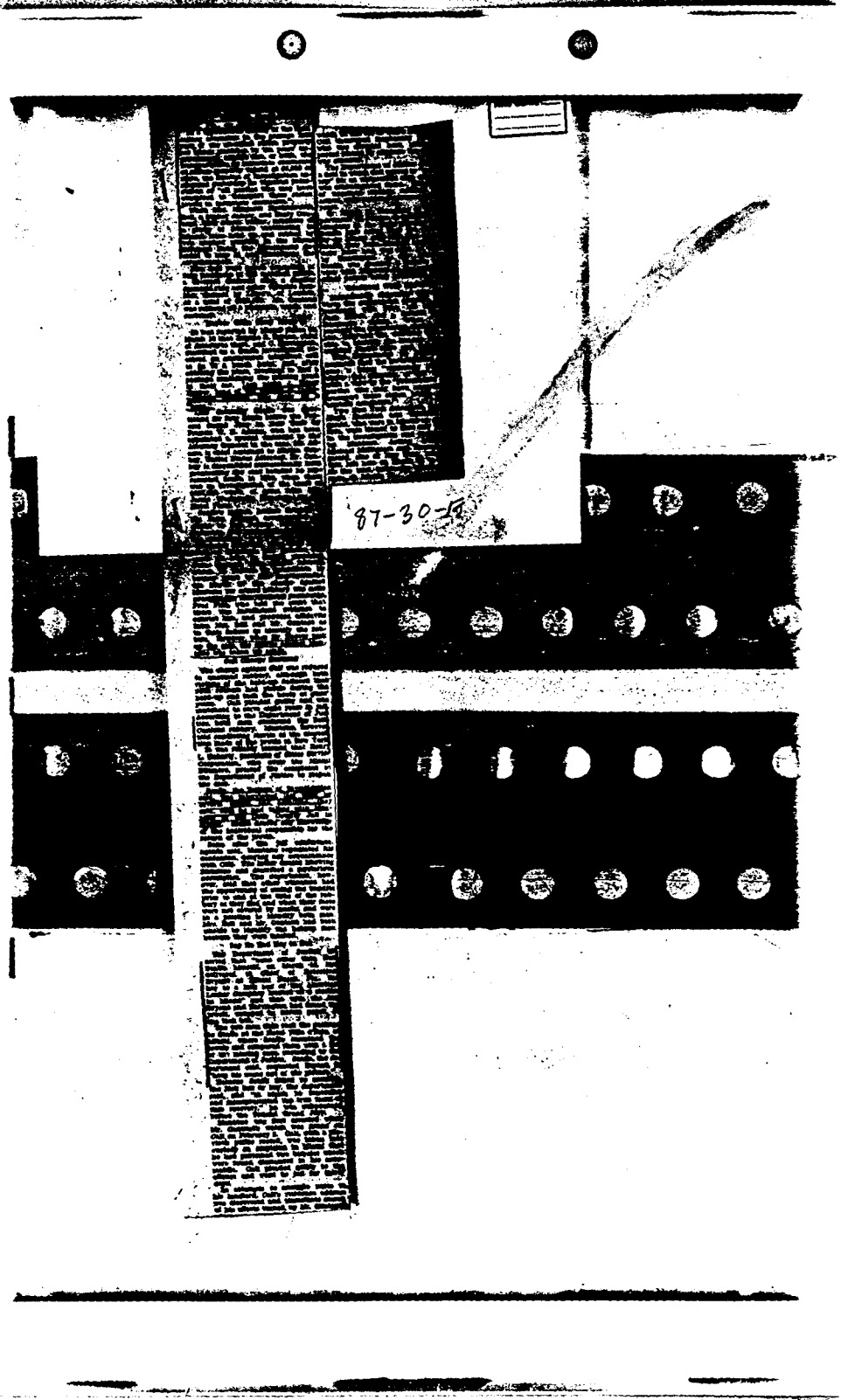
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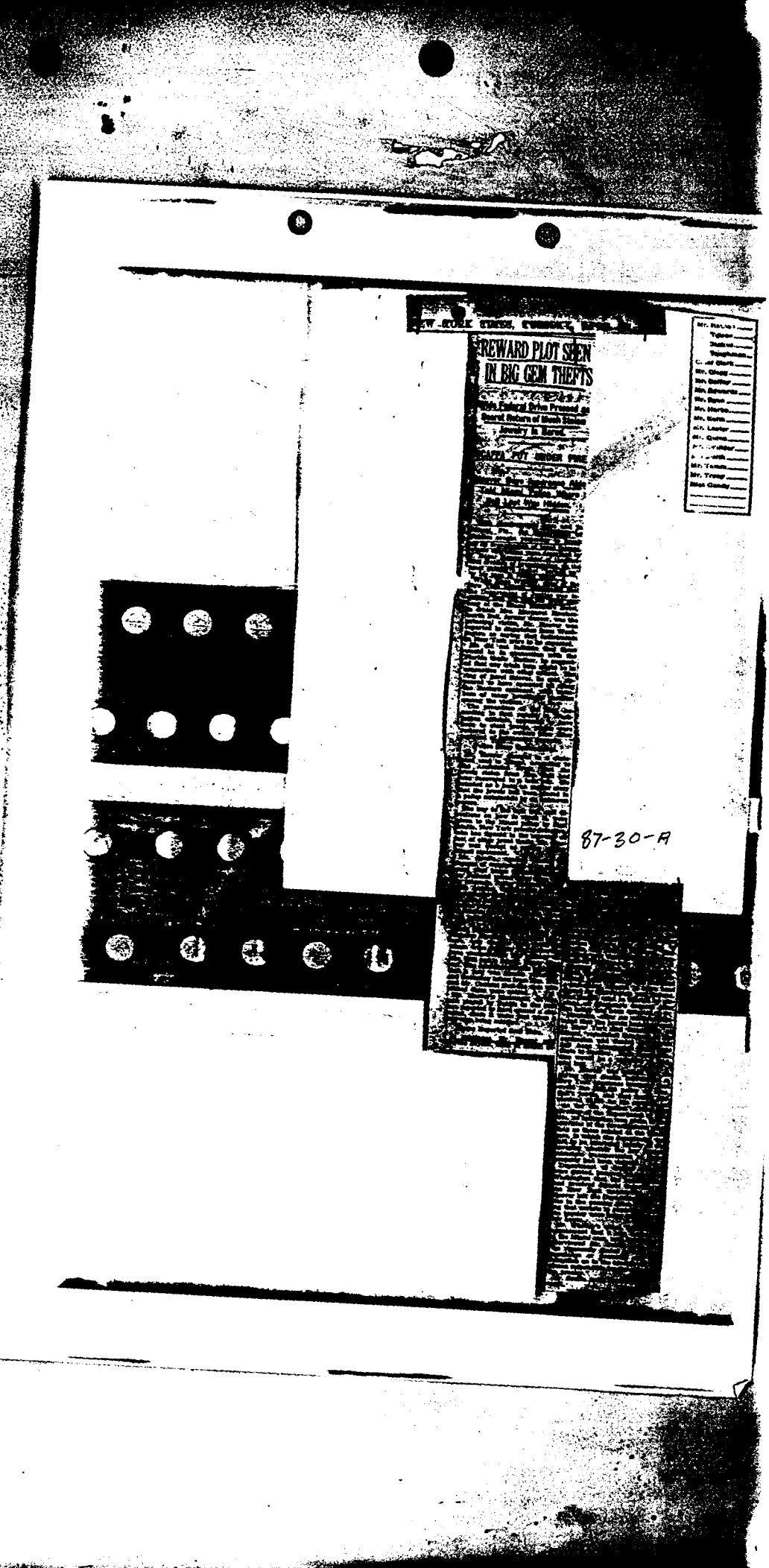


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Scaffa Solving Of Jewel Theft Under Inquiry

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(Associated Press Wirephoto)

Exclusive Wirephoto shows Charles Cali (left) and Nicholas Montone (holding hat) leaving jail for trial in Miami yesterday. They're ... charged with theft of $235,000 in jewels.

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sleuth in the return of $3,000,000 in gems.

"It's bigger than the Dillinger case," said J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation, over whose signature a denunciation of Scaffa's methods was issued. "Some of the biggest racketeers in New York are involved."

Order From Cummings.

His announcement came as a sequel to the revelation that the Federal Grand Jury in Manhattan is investigating Scaffa's part in the restoration of $236,000 gems to Mrs. J. E. Bell and Harry Content, Manhattan broker. On direct orders from Attorney General Homer S. Cummings the Grand Jury is attempting to learn if the Stolen Properties act was violated.

Scaffa told a fib to the government men, and that's why he's in hot water, Hoover revealed in a four-page statement. If the agile Noel had unburdened his soul in the first place, he said, there wouldn't have been any difficulty at all about the return of the gems to Mrs. Bell and Content.

When the jewels were returned in Miami Beach, Fla., March 18, nearly two months after they were stolen from the broker and his companion at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, Scaffa inspired a story that they were left in a manila envelope on the seat of a Miami police car, Hoover said.

Key to a Mystery.

But when the "G" men began an

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found a different story. They discovered, Hoover said, that Scaffa himself slipped into Miami, delivered a locker key to Chief of Detectives Eugene E. Bryant of Miami Beach, and then faded into the background. When the locker was opened, the gems were found inside in a brown paper package.

In view of the fact that Scaffa had dropped in at the Department of Justice offices in Manhattan by invitation a week before and blandly denied any knowledge of how the jewels came to be returned, Attorney General Cummings directed an investigation.

The Government's theory is that the jewels were transported to Manhattan by little Nicky Montone, whose apparent immunity from prosecution after Mrs. Bell had identified him aroused sarcastic comment.

Montone, alias Nick Marlowe, who hails from Brooklyn, and Charles Call went on trial yesterday in Miami for armed robbery. Conviction would leave them liable to from twenty years to life imprisonment.

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Federals Pull Gem Theft Net

WASHINGTON, April 22 (US).—Federal agents and police of a dozen eastern States tonight began a roundup of an international jewel theft ring whose annual take is estimated in millions of dollars.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the division of investigation of the Department of Justice, declared new arrests are being made hourly. He said:

"This is the most important case we have ever had. It completely overshadows the Dillinger case.

"Tonight new arrests are being made, down the entire Atlantic Seaboard, from the Canadian border to the East of Florida.

"I can't reveal the identities yet of the men involved, but their names are among the most important in the underworld."

Fat rewards are reported to have been paid a private detective for recovery of countless number of stolen jewels.

Evidence compiled by the Justice agents is being presented to a Federal Grand Jury at New York City, for indictment of the leaders of the plot.

The arrests grow out of a Federal investigation of a $200,000



J. EDGAR HOOVER.
Drives on jewel thieves "bigger than Dillinger round-up."

jewel robbery at Coral Gables, Fla., in January, Hoover said. Noel Scaffa, famous "lone wolf" gem-recoverer for insurance companies, was questioned in New York.

Scaffa, whose activities in the return of the Woolworth jewels, stolen in 1925 from Mrs. James P. Donahue, have been investigated several times by New York authorities, denied any knowledge of the identity of the gangsters who [illegible]

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U. S. Drag Net Snares Gem Theft Suspects

Federal Drive Will Cover Coast from Maine to Florida Shore

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turned the gems taken from Mrs. garet Bell in a holdup in the ...n Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Fla., Jan. 26.

Rhea Whitley, new chief of the New York office of the U. S. Division of Investigation, announced that agents had questioned Scaffa about an interview with "Little Nick" Montone in a Miami jail. Montone and Charles Cali were charged with being involved in the theft. F. W. H. Adams, First Assistant U. S. Attorney in New York, has been appointed as a special Assistant Attorney General to prosecute any indictments. U. S. Attorney Conboy in New York, once counsel to Scaffa, and is not acting in this case.

Adams said that Scaffa was drawn into the investigation through a letter written by Cali which led to the finding of a stolen watch in Cali's room. Cali, questioned, said he and Montone had robbed Mrs. Bell and confessed.

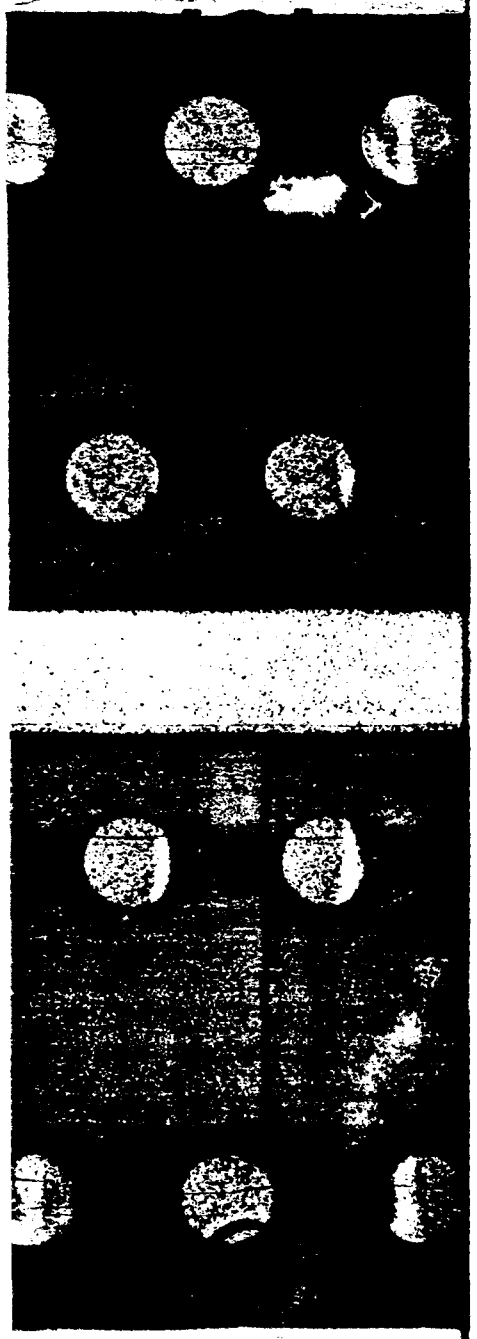
Jewel Recovery Racket Faces Collapse as U. S. Acts

While Montone was in jail he wired Scaffa, who went to Miami to interview him.

Three days later Scaffa was working on the case with Chief of Detective Bryant of Miami when Bryant announced he had found the jewelry in his automobile. The Government will try to prove that Bryant had really found the jewelry in a safety-deposit box, the key of which had been given him by Scaffa.

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FEDERAL REPORT ADDS SENSATION TO THEFT CASE

All[illegible] Understanding in 'Recovery Hoax' Bared in Statement

$3,500 FOR BRYANT

Conference Between Pine, Kehoe, Scaffa and Others Cited

Details of how $15,000 reward for recovery of the Bell jewels was to be "split" by law officers and private detectives came to light today in an official report by federal investigators and in a statement from James M. Carson, attorney

BUT WAS HE LUCKY?

"Do you feel lucky?" Scaffa jokingly asked Detective Bryant when the latter met the New York private detective in his hotel room.

Scaffa then handed Bryant the key to the lock box in which the Bell jewels reposed. Bryant, accompanied by Scaffa's operative, C. Harrington, retrieved the gems.

Bryant since has told friends he wished he hadn't been so "lucky" on that occasion.

for the Miami Biltmore hotel, where on Jan. 26 Mrs. Margaret H. Bell was robbed by two armed men of gems insured for $185,000.

The second sensational disclosure concerning the mysterious return of the loot came fast on the heels of revelations yesterday by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of criminal identification of the department of justice, showing the jewels were "recovered" by Miami Detective Chief Eugene Bryant from a safety lock box with a key supplied by Neal Scaffa, New York detective agency [illegible]

Hoover's statement, supplied by the special investigator assigned to the case in Miami, reveals an allegedly complete understanding between the manipulators of the "recovery hoax" as to how the $15,000 was to be divided. Carson's statement, based on admissions obtained from Detective Bryant yesterday, covers much the same ground, but indicates these facts may not be revealed at the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, now under way.

The $15,000 "salvage" to be paid on the gems was to be divided this way, according to information in possession of Director Hoover and Attorney Carson:

To Bryant, $3,500.

To Benjamin Cohen, guaranteeing his fee as defense counsel, $2,000.

To Cohen "to be delivered to persons whose names he did not disclose," $1,500.

To C. Harrington, associate of Scaffa, "a present" from Bryant.

To persons in Miami who had worked with Bryant on the case, the Beach detective was to "pay appropriate sums."

Director Hoover's statement recites some of the details of a conference between County Solicitor Fred Pine, Assistant Solicitor Jack Kehoe, Scaffa, Cohen and Bryant, at which leniency was sought for the accused Cali and Montone. Scaffa and Bryant subsequently had a conference with Mrs. Bell and Harry Content, her companion, at the time of the robbery. They next informed Kehoe and Cohen that the victims were willing leniency be shown and that they could not positively identify the robbers. The county solicitor's office permitted Cali to plead guilty to a plea of unarmed robbery and Mills prosaed the case against Montone. It was at this point that the Biltmore management stepped in and employed Carson to re-open the prosecution and G. A. Worley was named special prosecutor to represent the state. The new trial, now under way, resulted.

Attorney Carson's statement reads:

"Last Thursday night and again after midnight Saturday night under questioning by G. A. Worley, special prosecutor, Detective Eugene M. Bryant admitted that the story of the finding of the jewels in the Bell robbery case given at the time of their recovery was false, and gave to Mr. Worley the true story which was afterwards [illegible] by the department of justice [illegible]

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CHIEF DESCRIBES PLANS FOR SPLIT OF BELL REWARD

Miami Beach Detective Head Was to Get $3,500 of $15,000 for Gems.

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, April 24.—Testimony that certain authorities, private detectives and defense counsel were to divide among themselves a $15,000 reward for the return of $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer, was introduced today at the trial of two Brooklyn suspects, charged with the hold-up.

The testimony was given by Eugene Bryant, Miami Beach detective chief, who said he was instrumental in returning the jewelry after Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, the suspects, allegedly entered Mrs. Bell's suite, took her jewels and robbed her companion, Harry Content, New York broker, of a watch and approximately $100 in cash.

Bryant To Get $3,500.

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SCAFFA TELLS OF JEWEL DEAL

...sion of Reward and Credit Involved.

...OSTED MIAMI DETECTIVE

...ted Mrs. Bell's Gems Were Found in Officer's Car.

...by the Federal Grand Jury ...ened to investigate data pre... by Department of Justice ..., regarding the division of ... in the Bell jewel robbery ... last January in Miami, Noel ...affa, the private detective who ...ered the jewels, presented ...ugh his attorney an explanation ... conduct in the case.

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...ivision of Reward.

...A $25,000 reward was posted by ...the insurance company. Bryant got ...$5,000. Benjamin Cohen, counsel ...for Montope and Call, is said to ...have received a similar sum and to ...have planned to divide it with his ...law partner, County Solicitor Fred ...Cohen, and his assistant, Jack ...Lyon.

...Bryant, according to his own ...statement to the Department of ...Justice agents, was to divide the ...share of the reward among the ...three "police officers" and ... ...of the assistant in the ... ...of Call and Montope. After ... ...agreement with Scaffa, he ... ...of the apprehending of ... ...The private detective had ... ...three days after the ... ...jewels were found by the ... ...of the "police" being ... ...floor of Bryant's automobile, ...third presumably by the ... ...a moment of reasoning, ...the jewels with Scaffa, ...to a safe deposit box, ...had obtained the keys. ... ...obtained it, and got them ...

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...Scaffa's attorney, Julius Rosoff, ...made a brief statement yesterday ...in behalf of his client. He said: ...

...Mr. Scaffa's habit is to leave it ...entirely to the police to distribute a re... ...ward and he did so in this instance ...to Chief Bryant. Mr. Scaffa has ...full confidence in the integrity of the ...Bryant and they know this is ...understood and they approve it. ...

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...of the jewels, valued at $2,500,000, in the apartment of Mrs. Frank Bryant, wife of the chief of detectives, in the Hotel Everglades here, and the subsequent arrest of Scaffa and Cohen, was told to the Federal Grand Jury investigating the case today by Mrs. Bryant.

Mrs. Bryant was the first witness called by Assistant United States Attorney General Mitchell Dawson, who is conducting the inquiry. She was followed by Chief Bryant, who testified that he had found the jewels in a suitcase in the apartment of Mrs. Bryant's mother, Mrs. Margaret Hall, on the morning of April 14, the day after the robbery.

Mrs. Bryant told the jury that she had been awakened by a telephone call from Scaffa, who asked her to meet him in the lobby of the hotel. She said that when she met him he told her that he had found the jewels in a suitcase in the apartment of Mrs. Hall, and that he had turned them over to her husband.

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STATE RESTS CASE IN BELL GEM HAUL

Evidence of Plot to Deal With Two on Trial Presented to Jury in Miami.

Special Dispatch to New York Post

MIAMI, April 24.—The State rested its armed robbery case against Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali today after presenting details of an agreement among officials and attorneys whereby insurance money was divided and leniency promised to the pair.

The two men, both from Brooklyn, are accused of robbing Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer, of $185,000 and Harry Content, New York broker, of $100.

The original charge against Montone in the Bell robbery was nolle prossed after the agreement on the insurance money, and Cali was allowed to plead guilty to unarmed robbery. Then the Federal Government stepped in and brought pressure to have the men tried for armed robbery in the Content case.

Montone and two alibi witnesses are the only persons the defense will call to testify, it was announced.

The story of the insurance split was told by Chief of Detectives Bryant, who got $3,500 of it. The county prosecutor, a lawyer for the defendants, a private detective and others shared. Noel Scaffa, private detective, was instrumental in arranging the affair.

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Miami Officer Links Scaffa to Deal Over Reward for Jewels

He Declares Detective Agreed to Let Him Claim $15,000

CHARGE IS DENIED

Bell Gems' Retriever Recalled in Grand Jury Inquiry

Neal G. Scaffa, private detective noted for retrieving stolen jewels, was called for the second time yesterday before the Federal Grand Jury investigating the recovery of gems worth $135,000, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell in Florida last Winter.

At the same time, the Department of Justice here announced that Chief of Police Roger Bryant, of Miami Beach, had signed a statement admitting he had arranged with Scaffa to claim the $15,000 reward offered for the stolen jewels.

The claim was based on the allegedly false statement that Bryant himself had effected the recovery. The Government contends that Scaffa and Bryant the [illegible] a railroad accident lockbox [illegible] the jewels were found.

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She [illegible] herself as Ruth Keller, of Dayton, O., she testified that she lived with Call for eight weeks, but deserted him when she learned of the robbery and went back to Ohio. There, she said, she wrote the Department of Justice, implicating Call and Montrose in the theft.

Miss Keller also implicated [illegible] pair in the robbery of Harry [illegible] 71-year-old companion [illegible] Bell.

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JEWELRY REWARD SPLIT-UP CHARGED

Florida Detective Testifies. New York Grand Jury Calls Officials.

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, Fla., April 24.—Testimony that certain authorities, private detectives and defense counsel were to divide among themselves a $15,000 reward for the return of $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, former "Follies" dancer, was introduced today at the trial of two Brooklyn suspects, charged with the hold-up.

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Bryant said he had talked with Scaffa about the probable time the jewelry would be returned, and that at the meeting in Pine's office Scaffa sought to effect an agreement for light sentences for Montone and Call.

Miami officials were among several persons commanded to appear in New York Monday for questioning by the Federal grand jury in the case.

Included in the group were Pine, Kehoe, Bryant, Cohen and C. Harrington, adjuster for the Neal C. Scaffa detective agency of New York.

Testimony in the trial of Montone and Call indicated the [illegible] jewelry [illegible]

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OFFICIALS FACE GEMS PROBE

NEW YORK, April 24 (I.N.S.). Telegraphic subpoenas today summoned Florida officials and attorneys to appear before the Department of Justice in New York for quizzing in the $185,000 jewel robbery of Mrs. Margaret H. Bell, dancer, who married into society.

In a procedure almost unique, Rhea Whitley, in charge of the local Department of Justice agency, called upon Frederic Pine, Dade county (Fla.) prosecutor; his assistant, Kehoe; Benjamin Cohen, attorney for the alleged thieves; Clarence Harrington, Noel Scaffa's Miami representative; and Eugene Bryant, chief of Miami police, to appear at the Department of Justice office here Monday.

With Scaffa, private detective who specializes in recovering stolen gems, scheduled to appear again before the Federal grand jury today, the case seemed to have been bodily transported from Florida, where the theft occurred, to New York.

Mr. Whitley also intimated he was considering another long-distance subpoena for Ruth Kalter, a 23-year-old Dayton (Ohio) girl, formerly the sweetheart of Charles Coll, who is on trial with Nick Montone for the robbery.

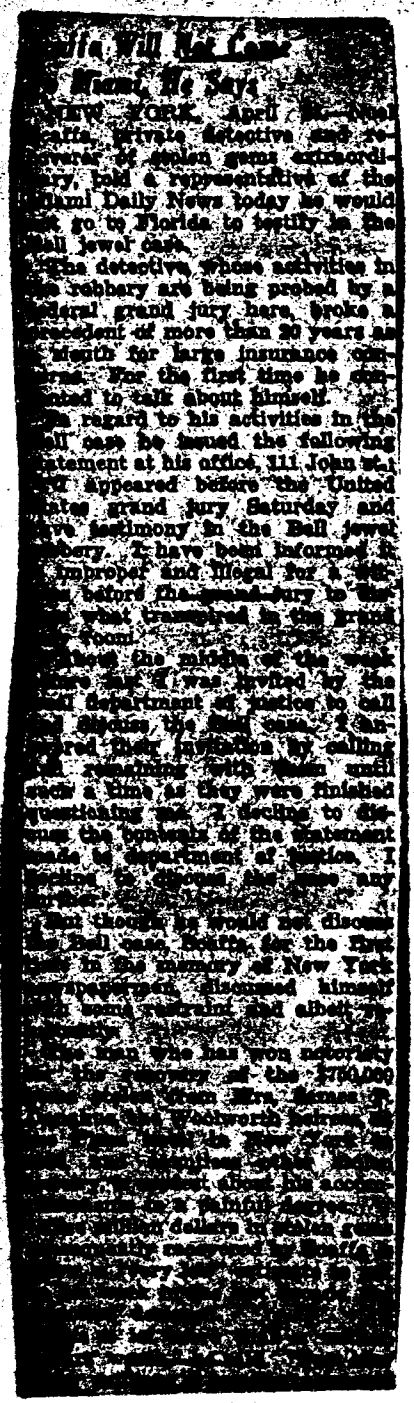
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...ffa Will Not Come
Miami, He Says

NEW YORK, April 2—Neal ...affa, private detective and recovery of stolen gems extraordinary, told a representative of the Miami Daily News today he would not go to Florida to testify in the Ball jewel case.

The detective, whose activities in the robbery are being probed by a federal grand jury here, broke a precedent of more than 20 years standing for large insurance companies. For the first time he consented to talk about himself.

In regard to his activities in the Ball case he issued the following statement at his office, 111 John st.:

"I appeared before the United States grand jury Saturday and gave testimony in the Ball jewel robbery. I have been informed it is improper and illegal for a witness before the grand jury to discuss what transpired in the grand jury room.

"Until the middle of the week before last I was invited by the federal department of justice to call at their office, the Post ...ffice building, and discuss the case with ... attorneys. I declined to do so, ... stating that I would not discuss the Ball case, Scotty, for the first time in the memory of New York newspapermen, discussed himself ... went on to relate how albeit ... the man who had won notoriety ... recovery of the $750,000 ... from Mrs. Horace ... the Woolworth heiress, ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible]

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IN MIAMI HOLD-UP TRAPPED BY GIRL

Sweetheart of One Testifies at Trial That She Fled When He Told Her of Gem Theft.

REWARD PLOT IS CHARGED

Federal Agents Assert Police and Others Admitted They Were to Share in $15,000.

MIAMI, April 23 (AP).—The sweetheart of one of the two young New Yorkers implicated in the $186,000 jewelry robbery of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former Follies dancer, here on Jan. 26, testified today that she "turned them in" to the Department of Justice.

The young woman, who identified herself as Ruth Kalker of Dayton, Ohio, was a surprise witness for the State at the trial of Charles Call and Nicholas Montone for the robbery of Harry Content, Mrs. Bell's 71-year-old companion.

She testified that she lived with Call for eight weeks before the robbery and deserted him when she learned of it. She said she fled to her home in Dayton, where she wrote a letter to the Department of Justice, naming Call and Montone as the robbers.

Other high lights of the involved "inside story" of the robbery included charges by Federal officers that a $15,000 reward for return of the jewelry was to have been split by law officers and private detectives; and testimony by Dr. Howard Blake, New York dentist and a traveling companion of Mrs. Bell and Mr. Content, that he knew Montone and talked with him a few hours before the hold-up.

Miss Kalker said that when Call returned to their apartment the night of Jan. 26, "he told me he had gone to the Miami Biltmore Hotel and that Montone took the jewels from Mrs. Bell while he robbed Content and they then ran down the stairs and got away."

Met Montone at Race Track.

Dr. Blake, who with his wife accompanied the former dancer and her broker friend from New York, testified that he encountered Montone the afternoon of the robbery at Hialeah Park race track, where Mrs. Bell were the jewelry [illegible] charge of a conspiracy to [illegible] reward money were contained in a statement by government investigators and James Chamberlain, [illegible] for the hotel, [illegible] of the statement [illegible] [illegible] Bryant, Benjamin Cohen, attorney for the defendants; C. Harrington, an employe of Most Southe, New York private detective, and referred to a number of other persons but not by name.

Wattie, the [illegible] returned to Mrs. [illegible] sentences later, [illegible] credited with bringing [illegible] the jewelry in a statement [illegible] day by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Montone and Call are on trial in the Criminal Court on charges of robbing Mr. Content while armed. Montone confessed, Thomas F. Fitzgerald, New York police lieutenant, told the jury, that he robbed Mrs. Bell while Call held up Mr. Content.

Lieutenant Fitzgerald said Montone told him he flew to New York with the jewels and gave them to a man he named as Harry Edwards of Sunnyside, L. I.

Michael F. McNamara, New York acting police lieutenant, told the court a similar story.

Signed Statement Reported.

The Department of Justice announced here yesterday that a statement had been obtained in writing from Eugene Bryant, chief of detectives at Miami Beach, saying that Mrs. Margaret H. Bell's valuables were found in a hotel [illegible] the key of which [illegible] given to the authorities by Meal C. Scaffa, New York private detective. The Chief York private detective, who had been employed by an insurance [illegible] company. The announcement said that Mr. Scaffa arranged for distribution to Chief Bryant and others of a $15,000 reward, part to go to Mr. Scaffa's Miami agent, Clarence Harrington. Mr. Scaffa received a $3,500 fee from the insurance company.

Mr. Scaffa, who testified Saturday before the Federal grand jury here, was a witness again yesterday under subpoena.

Isidor Bregoff of 521 Fifth Avenue, attorney for Mr. Scaffa, said last evening:

"Mr. Scaffa's belief is to leave it to local police to distribute a reward and he did so in this instance with Chief Bryant. Mr. Scaffa has the confidence of the insurance companies and they know this is his method and they approve it.

"As to his telling the original story that Chief Bryant found the jewels in the car, he did so because Chief Bryant sought credit and Mr. Scaffa saw no reason to withhold credit from him. When he spoke under oath, however, Mr. Scaffa told the real story of the finding of the jewelry in the car."

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Scaffa Offered $15,000 Reward for Recovery

By JOHN McNULTY.

Waving a small flat key like a magician's wand, Noel C. Scaffa, New York private detective, stood ready to pull $15,000 out of a silk hat, while open-mouthed police officials waited expectantly to share it secretly among themselves, Department of Justice agents charged yesterday.

For this miraculous [illegible] already received his fee of $2,500, and one of his henchmen was to share in the $15,000.

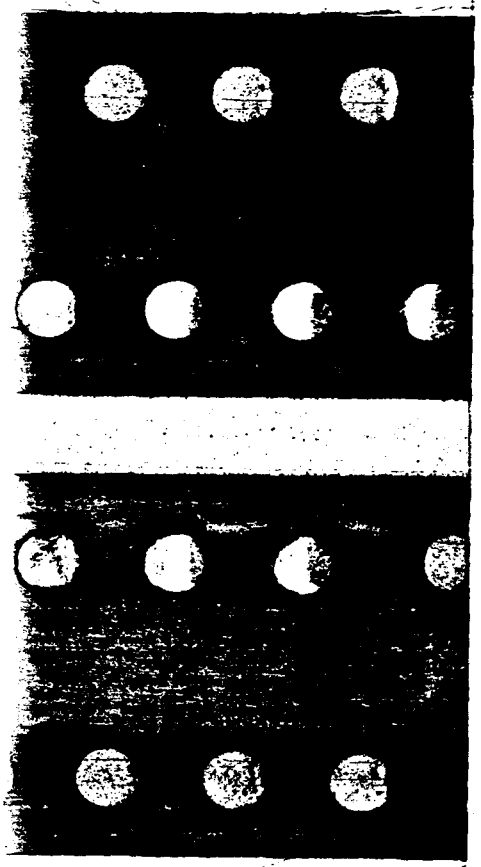
The Department of Justice men drew such a picture as they told more of the inside story of the mysterious return of $246,000 in jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in a hold-up in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel Jan. 26.

Despite Scaffa's denials when haled before the Federal Grand Jury, the Government men declare that the gems, including a 32-carat diamond ring, were recovered because of a conspiracy in which Scaffa was the master manipulator.

To prove their charges, the Federal men have obtained a signed statement from Eugene E. Bryant, chief of detectives of Miami Beach, admitting a conspiracy with the New York sleuth, by which Bryant was to claim the $15,000 reward offered by an insurance company and divide it surreptitiously as Scaffa directed.

Bryant's statement also includes





Gang Kidnap Puts U. S. On Scaffa Trail

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final men charge, was part of the bargain for the return of the jewels.

But the best-laid plans of mice, men and magicians gang aft agely, and Mentone and Calli were being tried today in Miami, on charges of armed robbery, conviction for which means life imprisonment.

At the same time, Scaffa was being questioned repeatedly by the Federal agents, who haled him before the Federal Grand Jury in New York Saturday and Monday.

MARKS BEGINNING OF WAR ON RACKET

The U. S. agents working under J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, assert that the solution of the Miami mystery is the beginning of a war on the greatest of all rackets—the reward-for-stolen-jewelry game. Millions of dollars and gems of the most noted of big-time [illegible] are involved.

Scaffa, employed by many insurance companies, has retrieved about $3,000,000 in stolen gems in one day, and is known as the ghost interdemiaries in contacting international jewel thieves with a view of recovering loot.

Bryant's statement blasted the original story of the return of the jewels. As chief of detectives, he had announced that he had found the gems in the back of his auto following a mysterious phone call.

"After a conference with Mentone in the Dade County jail at Miami, Scaffa promised the boy a reward of $15,000 when the jewelry was returned," Bryant is quoted as saying.

"Scaffa personally arranged for the recovery of the jewelry through the medium of a key to a safe deposit box in which the jewelry had been placed," Bryant said.

The New York detectives then conspired with Bryant to claim the $15,000 offered for return of the jewels, the Miami Beach detective admitted. Bryant was to make the false statement that he himself had recovered the jewels, the Federal said charge.

Scaffa had already been paid a [illegible] $2,500 by the insurance company, so he could not have received, in person, any part of the reward.

[illegible] assurance that if the jewelry were returned, Mentone would be shown leniency, according to the Federal agents.

Then, with Scaffa holding the key to the bus station deposit box in which the jewelry had been hidden, the plan by which the $15,000 should be divided was agreed upon, Bryant admitted.

"Scaffa agreed with Bryant and Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Mentone," the Federal men charge, "that the $15,000 reward should be divided as follows: $3,500 to be paid to Bryant personally; $3,500 to be paid to Benjamin Cohen, with the understanding that Cohen should retain $2,000 as his counsel fee and divide the remaining $1,500 between Pino and Kohen.

"Clarence Harrington, Scaffa's Miami representative, was also promised $1,000. The balance, or about $7,000, was to be divided by Bryant's discretion among various peace officers and individuals in Florida who assisted in the original apprehension of Calli."

The glib, yet frequently taciturn Scaffa, flew from New York to Miami after receiving a message from Mentone in his Florida cell. Previously, it was believed that the stolen gems had been taken from the Southern resort to New York for disposal.

The Government drive which has enmeshed the Miami police and the New York detectives is being conducted under the new law which makes it a crime punishable by 10 years in the penitentiary and a fine of $10,000 to transport stolen property worth more than $5,000

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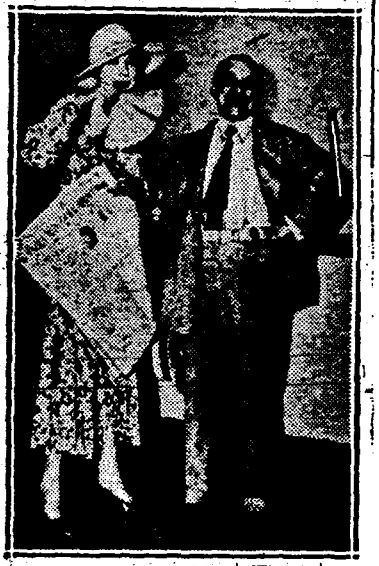
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NOEL SCAFFA LINKED TO GEM THEFT DEAL

(Special to The News)

Miami, Fla., April 23.—An unusual envelope of black paper, curiously fashioned, is the strongest tangible link in the chain of evidence by which the Federal Government hopes to smash a gigantic ring of jewel thieves.

This was learned here today as the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali unfolded the inside story of the $246,800 jewel holdup of Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell and her companion, Harry Content, wealthy broker, in the smart Miami-Biltmore Hotel last January.



(Associated Press Wirephoto)

Wirephoto shows Mrs. Margaret Bell and Harry Content, whose stolen jewels were returned by Noel Scaffa, waiting to testify at trial of Nickey Montone in Miami yesterday.

Simultaneously Noel Scaffa notorious insurance investigator who engineered the return of the jewelry, was called to testify before the Federal Grand Jury in New York.

According to a signed statement made by Eugene Bryant, Miami Beach detective chief, Scaffa arranged with him to make a claim for the $15,000 reward to be divided with the county solicitor and other Dade County officials upon return of the jewelry in exchange for leniency to Montone.

But it is upon the evidence of the black paper envelope in which the gems were enclosed inside a wrapping of brown paper, that the Government hopes to be able to step into the case. By it, Federal agents may establish that the jewels were taken from Miami after the holdup and brought back again for the restoration.

In confessing his part of the plot to falsely claim the insurance company reward, Bryant admitted Scaffa had unfolded his scheme immediately after an interview with Montone in jail. With Scaffa, Bryant said, he visited Fred Pine, county solicitor, and Jack Kehoe, his assistant.

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W. YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH

Miami Officer Links Scaffa In Jewelry Plot

Detective Chief Said to Admit Deal to Split $15,000 Insured for Comic Return

Investigator Questioned

'Always Acted Legally,' He Expounds on Case

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$66,000 JEWELS HOLD MATRON

GRASSE, France, April 24 (I.N.S.)—Mrs. Muriel Lawrence, wealthy New Yorker, today withdrew a charge of theft filed against Mrs. John Circuitt, London society divorcee, after a touching interview in Mrs. Circuitt's jail cell here.

Mrs. Lawrence asked that Mrs. Circuitt be released, but police remained skeptical of the London matron's plea that she "had had too much champagne," and decided to hold her pending investigation of the disappearance of Mrs. Lawrence's $2,500 diamond and platinum vanity case and its subsequent discovery in Mrs. Circuitt's room in a Cannes hotel.

The luxury-loving Mrs. Circuitt, who receives $1,000 monthly in alimony, broke down and wept in her jail cell when Mrs. Lawrence visited her.

In declining to free Mrs. Circuitt police said they wanted to check her connections in London, Paris and the Riveria in an effort to trace the origin of more than $66,000 worth of jewelry found in a trunk in her Cannes room.

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2 GUILTY OF HOLDUP IN SCAFFA GEM CASE

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At that time, County Solicitor Fred Pine dismissed an unarmed robbery charge against Montone, saying Mrs. Bell and Content had said they could not identify him as one of the robbers.

Subsequently, however, charges of armed robbery, which carry a more severe penalty for conviction, were filed against both the Brooklyn suspects.

A promise of further disclosures in the already sensational trial was made by Special Prosecutor Jeremy Worley after Max Sapper, defense counsel, told the jury Montone was being prosecuted at the behest of the United States Department of Justice.

"It is not Montone they want," the defense attorney declared. "They're after Scaffa—that's who they want. The Department of Justice is after the hidden forces behind this robbery and the illegal transportation of the jewels."

Sapper referred to Noel Scaffa, New York private detective, who figured prominently in recovery of Mrs. Bell's gems. Scaffa twice recently has gone before a New York Federal Grand Jury which is investigating the handling of Mrs. Bell's gems.

Three Miami officials — County Solicitor Fred W. Pine; his assistant, Jack Kehoe, and Detective Chief Eugene Bryant of Miami Beach—have been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in New York next Monday.

(Other picture on page 30).



Nicholas Montone
Convicted of Miami gem robbery.

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Two Guilty For Stealing Bell Jewels

MIAMI, April 24 (AP).—Nicholas Montone, Italian racetrack gambler, and Charles Cali, of Miami Beach, tonight were found guilty of complicity in the $246,000 Coral Gables jewel robbery.

The jury fixed the penalty at 10 years to life imprisonment. Formal sentence will be passed later.

The two men were accused of taking the jewels, later recovered under mysterious circumstances, from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell, of New York, in a holdup at a fashionable hotel here.

Montone denied all knowledge of the crime from the witness stand today, and blamed New York detectives, whom, he said, "pounded" him for days and inflicted unending torture, for his reported "confession."

As his attackers, he named Lt. M. F. McNamara, Detective Thomas F. Fitzgerald and Detective Ed Swift.

He was arrested in New York after being implicated by Cali, who admitted complicity.

The men were convicted on charges of robbing Harry Soffar, New York broker, of a watch and $100. They were tried on these charges after officials became dissatisfied with light treatment in previous trials on charges of robbing Mrs. Bell.

In arguments to the jury, Max Saffel, associate defense counsellor, charged Montone was being swept to "martyrdom" by Department of Justice agents attempting to implicate other persons in the robbery and recovery of the jewels.

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SOCIALITE AIDE TO GANG HUNTED

A New York society man or woman who betrays social and other friends to tip off likely places for rich bank to [illegible] of thieves may be the key figure of the gigantic stolen [illegible] being investigated by the Federal Grand [illegible]

[illegible] will ask C. Smith, [illegible] detective who has recovered [illegible] $2,000,000 in gems, [illegible] re-called before the jury [illegible], but on the same day [illegible] Department of [illegible] Police officials [illegible] gangsters [illegible] Miami Beach [illegible]

Following [illegible] signed confession [illegible] Bryant, chief of Miami Beach detectives, charging conspiracy in the return of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Ball's $250,000 worth of diamonds and furs, all implicated in the alleged [illegible] have been subpoenaed to [illegible] to appear here Monday.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

It is known that the jewel thieves, operating on a definite [illegible] and working the rewards [illegible] of the racket for hundreds [illegible] of thousands, have been supplied with perfect information before [illegible] their hold-ups or robberies. [illegible] They have known just when [illegible] valuables [illegible] almost [illegible] money sparkling [illegible] at least [illegible] stolen was worth going after, [illegible] at where it was kept. When [illegible] were [illegible] and when [illegible] were [illegible] gone.

Whether it is a society [illegible] or [illegible] with access to [illegible] homes and the [illegible] their strolls, [illegible] who secretly slips this information [illegible] to the hangers-on [illegible] who do the [illegible] for diamonds, furs and [illegible] silver.

But the [illegible] most thrilling [illegible] of the reward racketeers [illegible] is the [illegible] is granted [illegible] is [illegible] learned, to further strengthen [illegible] plea for indictments by the Federal Grand Jury.

In Miami Beach, [illegible] arrested Brooklyn hoodlums, [illegible] "Nicky" Montana, and [illegible] Cook, who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the police record with his [illegible] [illegible] automobile-jumping record, were being tried for the [illegible] in the Miami-Biltmore which led to Uncle [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sam's cigarette drive.

They were accused of robbing Mrs. Ball, former star [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

U.S. ASKS YARD' NAB GEM RING

Action Is Revealed After Miami Robbery

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NEW YORK, April 24 (U.S.).—Scotland Yard has been asked by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the U. S. Division of Investigation, to aid in breaking up an international jewel-theft ring, it was learned today, as Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, appeared before Federal authorities here for the third time.

As the investigation spread from the recent Miami robbery of Mrs. Margaret Bell, dancer, whose $185,000 in jewelry was mysteriously returned by Scaffa, to other similar thefts and returns throughout the United States, other European police were asked to help locate a missing witness.

He is an insurance adjuster, who left the United States when the inquiry was getting under way. He was last reported "on the Continent."

Another international angle of the ring's activities, in which they are reputed to have made more than $5,000,000 in the last two years, was the discovery that the famous Lloyd's of London, insurance firm, also has been victimized by the racketeers.

In connection with the Bell case, Miami city officials today were called upon to appear before the Federal Grand Jury here next week.

TWO CONVICTED FOR $246,000 JEWEL HOLDUP

Men Get 10 Years to Life in Coral Gables Robbery; One Claims Police Beating

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BEATEN SENSELESS

They mauled him at station houses until he was unconscious and often senseless, he said, "and when I asked for water, they threw it in my face." He quoted the officers as saying:

"You'll confess now or we'll kill you. We've had tougher guys than you in here. You'll confess, tell us who else is in on this job, and like it, or we'll throw you out the window. You know nobody knows you're here."

After the threat, a policeman pounced upon the 135-pound prisoner, he said, and beat him until he had to change his blood soaked shirt before he could be taken away from the station house by ambulance physicians.

OFFERED SUIT

At another "flogging," the detectives said to him, according to his testimony:

"We know you've got the stuff. Tell us where it is and you'll get a fifth [illegible] this. You'll be able to buy a suit. You're an intelligent looking kid and look all right. Keep out of this racket."

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NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1935.

TWO FOUND GUILTY IN MIAMI GEM CASE

Montone and Cali Are Convicted of Armed Robbery in Hotel Hold-Up.

'HIGHER UPS' TO BE SOUGHT

Prosecutor in Final Argument Declares They Will Be Exposed Before Inquiry Ends.

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The jury which found the defendants guilty of armed robbery charges deliberated three hours and five minutes, after taking a short time out for dinner. The trial began Monday noon.

Cali already is under sentence of eight years in prison, imposed after he recently pleaded guilty to a charge of unarmed robbery of Mrs. Bell in the hold-up that occurred Jan. 26 in the former dancer's hotel suite in Coral Gables.

At that time County Solicitor Fred Pine dismissed an unarmed robbery charge against Montone, saying that Mrs. Bell and Mr. Content had said they could not identify him as one of the robbers.

Subsequently, however, charges of armed robbery, which carry a more severe penalty, were filed against both the Brooklyn suspects.

In the closing arguments the prosecutor promised that "higher-ups" would be exposed before the case is completed.

The promise of further disclosures was made by George Worley, special prosecutor, after Max Sapper of defense counsel had told the jury that Montone was being prosecuted at the behest of the Federal Department of Justice.

"They're afraid to let Montone go [illegible] the facts," asserted Mr.

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M'GEE'S LIFE

Elroy Will Make Per-
Appeal to Governor
rew for Kidnaper

CITY, April 24 (AP)
Elroy, striking brunette
of City Manager H. F. Mc-
said today she would make a
personal appeal tomorrow to Gov-
ernor Guy B. Parks for the commu-
tation of the death sentence awaiting
her kidnaper, Walter McGee.

The McGee death sentence, the
first imposed in the United States
for kidnaping, was affirmed by the
Supreme Court March 30. The
court today denied McGee a re-
hearing.

In asking for a rehearing, McGee's
attorneys, Miss Lillie Knight and
James M. Rader, asserted the mem-
bers of the jury panel were Demo-
crats and that eleven of them were
"political jobholders directly or in-
directly in the employ of Mr. Mc-
Elroy and owed allegiance to him."

Miss McElroy, tall, slender bru-
nette, was abducted from her home
in Kansas City, May 27, 1933.

MARY M'ELROY
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ew Miss McElroy plans to make
o commute the death sentence.

TO REDEEM TRANSIT BONDS

$52,000,000 issue of four-year
apid transit corporate stock, one
five sold under the pay-as-you-go
ubway construction policy, will be
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says Mrs. William
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ENGINEER. "Camels refresh
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2 FOUND GUILTY IN GEM THEFT

MIAMI, Fla., April 25 (By International News Service).—Swift Florida justice today brought Nicholas Montone and Charles Hall, Miami Beach and New York race track gamblers, convictions that will mean from 10 years to life imprisonment in the $185,000 jewel robbery of Mrs. Margaret Bell, New York society matron.

The two men were found guilty on their penalty set by a Dade County jury after a speedy trial that followed exposure by the Department of Justice of a "reward" racket.

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U.S. GRAND JURY IN GEM INQUIRY

Five Figures in Miami Case Summoned Here.

HUNT INTERNATIONAL GANG

Federal Investigators Follow Clews of Bell Robbery.

Following the conviction of two jewel thieves in Miami last night it was announced that the New York Federal Grand Jury had issued summonses for five men connected with the Florida trial to appear in this city Monday for questioning. The convicted men were Nicholas Montone and Charles Call of Brooklyn, who were found guilty of stealing $185,000 worth of jewels from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesby Bell in a Miami hotel on January 26.

The ramifications of the case are extensive and inspired a Federal investigation of an alleged international ring of jewel thieves who have been operating successfully for some time along the Atlantic seaboard. One phase of the case which has been under investigation is the part played in the recovery of the jewels by Noel C. Scaffa, a New York private detective, who has figured in several sensational jewel robbery investigations in the last two decades.

Scaffa's position in the case is somewhat anomalous. As the evidence now stands he is alleged to have told two different stories about the recovery of the jewels—the first story to the effect that the jewels were found by Detective Chief Eugene Bryant of Miami on the floor of his automobile; the second story that Scaffa himself obtained the jewels from a mysterious safe deposit box to which he had the key.

When it was time to divide the reward of $15,000 offered by the insurance company, Bryant was to receive a major share and Scaffa [illegible] Call, attorney for Montone and Call, was to receive $2,500. These allegations were contained in the testimony [illegible]

monses to appear here on Monday. They include Pine, Kehoe, Bryant, Cohen and C. Harrington, an associate of Scaffa working in Florida. The special prosecutor in the Florida trial, George A. Worley, Jr. announced at the conclusion of the verdict that the names of all the persons who figured in the jewel theft from the time they were stolen to the time they were returned would be ultimately made public.

Montone and Call face ten years to life imprisonment. Their attorneys stated that they would file an application for a new trial. Judge Ben C. Willard will fix sentence at a later date.

At the time of the robbery Harry Content, seventy-one year old New York broker, was a guest in Mrs. Bell's suite. He lost a gold [illegible] and $100 in the robbery.

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EXPOSURE OF GEM GANG PROMISED

Florida Says High-ups in Theft Case to Be Named. Two Convicted

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, Fla., April 25.—With two men convicted in the $185,000 jewel robbery case, State authorities promised today that "higher-ups" would be exposed before the case finally is closed.

Two Brooklyn men, Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, were convicted of the robbery in which Harry Cantent, 71-year-old New York broker, lost a watch and $100, and his companion, Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer, the fortune in jewels. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

Defense attorneys announced they would file application for a new trial.

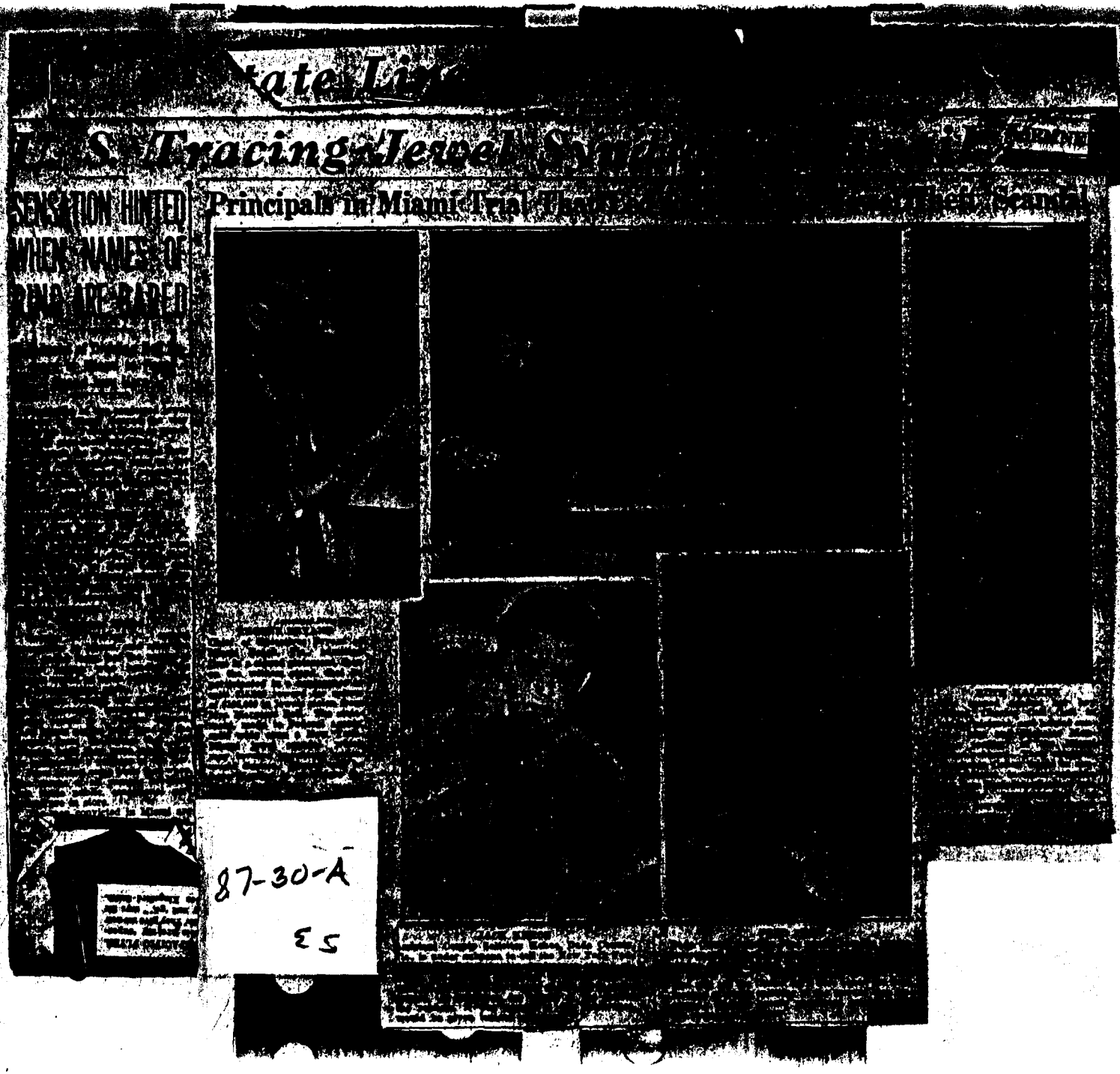
The next move in a Nation-wide campaign J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, said is being conducted to break up jewel theft rings and rackets, is expected to be made in New York.

There a Federal grand jury is understood to be investigating the part Noel Scaffa, New York private detective, played in the return of Mrs. Bell's gems and also jewelry stolen in other major robberies throughout the country.

Five men whose names were linked with the Cali-Montone trial here have been summoned to appear before the inquisitorial body in New York next Monday. They are County Solicitor Fred Pine and his assistant, Jack Kehoe; Eugene Bryant, Miami Beach detective chief; Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Cali and Montone, and C. Harrington, an associate of Scaffa.

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$185,000 Bell Jewel Thieves Found Guilty of Armed Robbery in Miami

2 GEM BANDITS FACE LIFE IN FLORIDA PRISON

Grand Jury Delays Probe of Scaffa's Recovery of Pearls Until Witnesses Arrive Here

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Call already is under sentence of eight years in prison after his plea of guilty to robbing Mrs. Bell.

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Inquiry Here Delayed

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'They're After Scaffa'

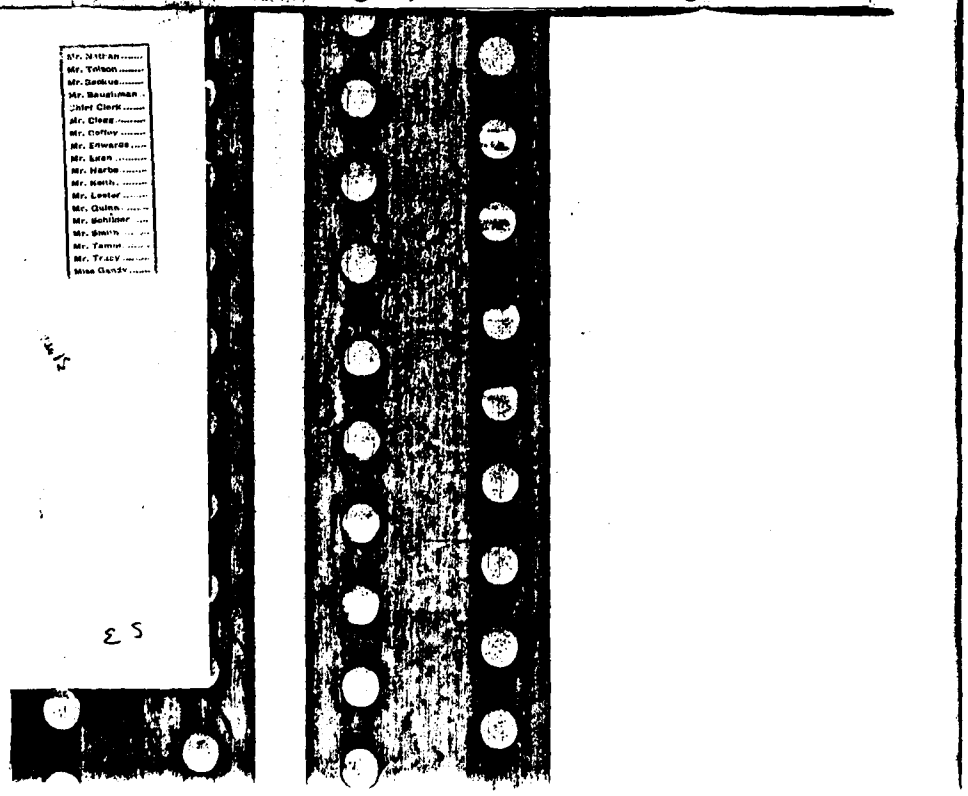
Max Steiger, of defense counsel, charged in his summation to the jury:

"It's not Montana that must [illegible]—that's who they want! The Department of Justice is behind the prosecution. Scaffa is behind the prosecution. Behind it all is the insurance money of the jewels."

Bryant also testified yesterday that Jack Kehoe, assistant to Fred Pice, Dade County Solicitor, threatened him to say:

"I'll have to have $500 more for the fat man."

The "fat man," police said, is



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MONTONE AND CALI GUILTY; FACE LIFE

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The "fat man," police said, is racketeer jargon designating the head man of a racket.

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Jury Convicts 2 in Theft of $245,000 in Jewels

By United Press

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EXPOSURE OF GEM GANG PROMISED

Florida Says High-ups in Theft Case to Be Named. Two Convicted.

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, Fla., April 25.—With two men convicted in the $185,000 jewel robbery case, State authorities promised today that "higher-ups" would be exposed before the case finally is closed.

Two Brooklyn men, Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, were convicted of the robbery in which Harry Content, 71-year-old New York broker, lost a watch and $100, and his companion, Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer, the fortune in jewels. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

Defense attorneys announced they would file application for a new trial.

The next move in a Nation-wide campaign J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, said is being conducted to break up jewel theft rings and rackets, is expected to be made in New York.

There a Federal grand jury is understood to be investigating the part Noel Scaffa, New York private detective, played in the return of Mrs. Bell's gems and also jewelry stolen in other major robberies throughout the country.

Five men whose names were linked with the Call-Montone trial here have been summoned to appear before the inquisitorial body in New York next Monday. They are County Solicitor Fred Fine and his assistant, Jack Kehoe; Rogers Bryant, Miami Beach detective chief; Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Call and Montone, and C. Harrington, an associate of Scaffa.

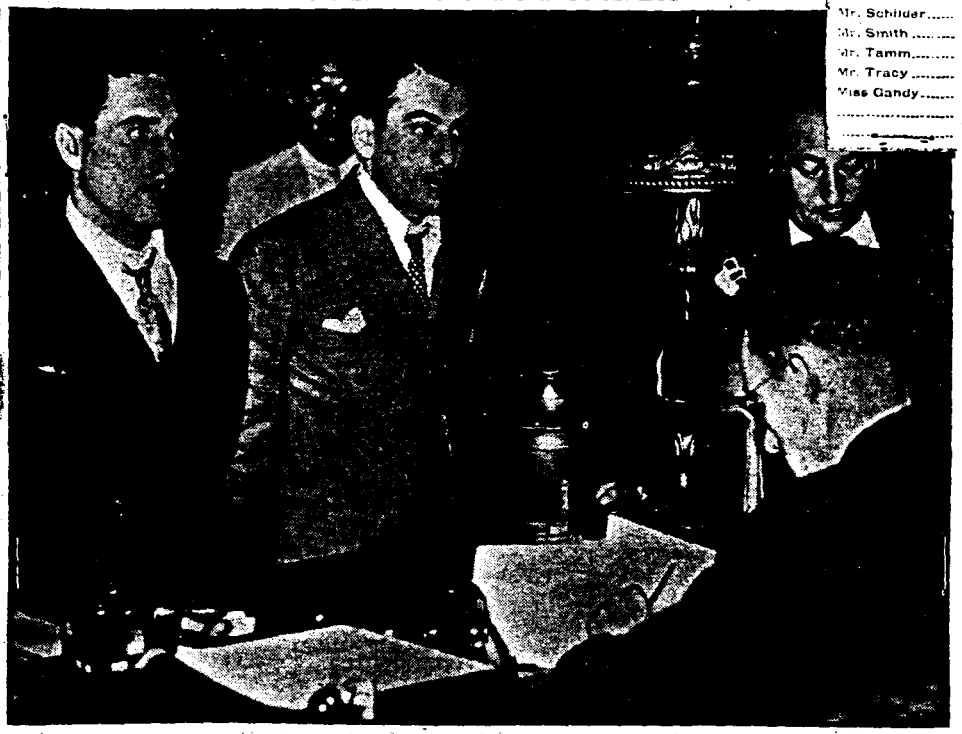
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LIFE IN RAIFORD IS THE PROSPECT



—Daily News photo by Willits

Nicholas Montone, center, and Charles Call, left, stood before Judge Ben C. Willard in criminal court last night and heard him read the verdict of the jury that found them "guilty as charged," of armed robbery of Harry Content, New York broker, in the Miami Biltmore hotel, Jan. 26. At Montone's left is Benjamin Cohen, attorney for the pair; in front of them is Al Killian, deputy clerk of the court, recording the verdict. Standing behind them is Joe Conderman, chief deputy sheriff of Dade county.

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MONTONE

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ches was just as strong as that presented by the same George Worley at the trial of Take-le-pas-the-last-ar-Judge Collins, but this time there was no "fixed" jury.

It was just as strong as the defense presented by the same James Carson when the county vindicator himself was closely linked up with the crooked deal put through by Neal E. Scaffe, and reporter extraordinary, when "certain law enforcement officials" were to have been handed $1,500 for showing leniency to the culprits if the stolen jewels were returned.

From the lips of Gene Bryant, Miami Beach detective chief, came the accusations against the components of the county vindicator's office.

Bryant, in the morning, and Montone, in the afternoon, were the leading actors in the final stage of the drama enacted in Judge Ben C. Willard's courtroom.

But Bryant's performance overshadowed that of the New York detective.

The detective chief, on the spot because of his foolish and thoughtless actions in connection with the recovery of Mrs. Ball's jewels, spoke the truth.

Montone was a liar from the moment he took the stand and described the meetings he said the New York detectives administered to him, until he stepped down myself, he had no knowledge of the thing.

And the jurors recognized that Montone was lying; they found him guilty.

But Pine, and with him his assistant, Jack Kehoe, were put on the spot by Bryant's testimony. Haltingly enough, it was through the cross examination of Bonnie Cohen, defense counsel, that Bryant revealed the full details of the conference in Pine's office, the talks on the way out and the deal with Scaffe just before he was handed a key to a bus terminal locker with the question:

"Do you feel lucky?"

It was in the locker that Bryant found the fortune in gems for which, he said, Scaffe had agreed to pay $15,000 reward he collected from the insurance company and to be split half a dozen ways.

Cohen naturally was anxious to show that his $2,000 share of the $15,000 reward money was to be paid him for his fee as defender of Montone and Call, but in the showing, he also showed $1,500 was to be paid to Pine's office, because officials there "needed a vacation."

Pine, Kehoe, Cohen, Bryant and Charles (Under-Your-Coat) Harrington, Scaffe's left-hand man, will have an opportunity to relate what they consider to be their story of the deal when they appear before the federal grand jury in New York on Monday, the same grand jury that is investigating the nation-wide ring of gem thieves and receivers, and particularly the activities of Scaffe in reference to the recovery of the stolen jewels and his connection with alleged law-enforcement officers in Florida and other parts of the country.

Asa Bryant, who held the secret of the conspiracy locked in his breast for weeks, assured the TRIBUNE reporter that on Monday he will tell everything he knows of the deal—and no word or sentence will be suppressed.

Bryant's testimony, in which he involved the county vindicator's official family, came during the morning session when he said:

"As I remember, the discussion in the solicitor's office was in regard to the identifying of Nick Montone by Mr. Cochran and Mrs. Ball and they were informed that they had not and could not identify Nicky Montone, that he is in New York, and the discussion of the man pleading guilty and getting from a two to five-year sentence was brought up, and I believe that Bonnie (Cohen) said he wanted to talk to Nicky and Call and we left, or started to leave.

"Prior to or after leaving, there was a conversation, I suppose there was a conversation between Bonnie and Scaffe. They went into a side office and had a conference and then they came out and we left. We started to get on the elevator and Bonnie asked me if I would guarantee his fee out of the reward money, providing he was not paid by the defendants, and I told him I would. His fee was to be $2,500 and there was to be another $1,500 given to Bonnie."

Asked what the reward was to be, Bryant said:

"I understand there was $15,000 to be split between Scaffe and myself, Kehoe and Pine, and Bonnie was to get $2,500 plus $1,000. I was told that by Scaffe in front of Miami police headquarters."

Bryant said he was to get the $1,000 "when the money was delivered to Scaffe in terms of Miami police coming through. I was to get the $2,500, and Bonnie was to get $1,500 and Bonnie was to get $1,000 when we met in the city on Thursday prior to the day the jewelry was recovered.

"In the solicitor's office the day the jewelry was recovered, Bonnie and Scaffe were in the inside office. I was talking to Jack Kehoe. I said 'If that jewelry is returned and the reward is paid, why, we can take a vacation,' and he said: 'We all need a vacation,' Mr. Kehoe said that.

"Afterwards I called back and talked to Jack Kehoe and told him I had been informed by Harrington that it was imperative for Scaffe to go to New York. He wanted to know what had been done and he said:

"'Okay, go ahead.'

"He said it wasn't enough, five would have to be some more for the fat man and the lean man and I said all right, I would give an extra $500."

The New York detectives, familiar with the jargon of the underworld, afterwards explained to reporters and attorneys that the gangland parlance "fat man" signifies the man at the head of a racket, the man who gets the "fat," or most money, while the "lean" man is one who gets less than the leader.

Bryant recalled that during the conference in the county vindicator's office, Pine said he did not think it was such a good case against Montone, but he had not seen the file on it. The detective told him he could have the police file any time he wanted it, whereupon Pine got up and left the office.

The case against the two men went to the jury at 5:12 p. m. and the six men rendered their deliberations at once. About 7:30 Judge Willard announced he would adjourn court until 9 o'clock and the jurors were taken out to dinner. They returned to their work at that hour and at 9:17 announced they had reached a verdict.

The courtroom was jammed with a silent throng as Clerk Al Killian was handed the little slip of paper containing the verdict.

"We, the jury, find Charles Call and Nicholas Montone guilty as charged."

Judge Willard announced he would pass sentence at a later date. The maximum sentence that can be imposed under the law is life imprisonment.

All through yesterday's session of the three-day trial the courtroom was so jammed that the doors were locked and deputies stationed outside informing the people there was no more room. The early comers were in their seats before 8:30 a. m., an hour before Judge Willard took the bench. During luncheon most of the spectators remained in their seats and the majority stayed through the dinner hour adjournment in the evening.

The bar enclosure also was jammed. Mrs. Howard Blake, one of Mrs. Ball's guests at the time of the robbery, was the only member of the jury present. The thunderstorm which broke late afternoon cooled the air a little, but during the day frequent requests had to be called to give jurors, attorneys and court attaches a breathing spell.

In his charge, Judge Willard pointed out to the jury that if two or more persons combine together to rob another and, pursuant to such plan or agreement, one of them commits an unlawful assault, the other or others, being present, fully present for the purpose of giving aid or assistance, then each of them is equally responsible for the unlawful act of the other.

The summations of Worley and Carson were masterpieces of logic and passion.

"Throughout America today, the halls of justice are on the trails of crime," the veteran Carson declared.

"No matter what your politics, if you are a patriotic American, you must stand behind this war on crime now being waged through-out the country. Every American worthy with pride on the work now being accomplished by the young men under J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, and in doing the work they are carrying out the finest of all the qualities put into force in over the country.

"In this very town on trial here, there was a clean-up operation between all law enforcement agencies, federal and state, to bring back to America a return of law and order. In this town Mr. Hoover's boys began their work you are already beginning to see results, which you have the reason to expect and the right to demand from our officials.

"We put up with gangsters and racketeers for a long time, but beware of the fury of a patient man or a patient nation aroused.

"The great mass of the American people are law abiding and against crime and the work of 'punks' like these and the Al Capones of the near-by cities, and the beasting by overlords of the underworld. I know that behind them and about them are forces far more dangerous to our civilization than they are, but the war against crime can only succeed by relentless driving to remove all the obstacles, small as well as large.

"The kings of crime are the black kings and we have to wipe the pawns off the chessboard to checkmate the kings. I know there are others morally more guilty than these two boys, but no one could be more guilty of moral misery than they are. We should give Al Howard more than a passing glance."

Answering the defense charges that Montone was beaten up by the New York detectives so as to obtain a confession from him, Carson went on:

"God knows, I'd never have permitted such a spectacle as prisoners and attorneys who sell out to their constituents and turn all the criminals loose on society. We, in this county, ought not to be very critical of what goes on in New York. Some sort of improper bargain Bell's jewels and the freeing of one of these men. We can not permit that sort of travesty on justice. We must make this county very unhealthy for racketeers.

"New York city probably has the finest police department in the world, 18,000 men who have their business and duty, men like the late Mickey McNamara, the Fitzgeralds, the Sheridans and the like. The police department of New York and the department of justice have been practically priceless in this case and we ought to give all the praise to those two bodies of men."

Worley outlined the state's case against the two undercover mobsters who, throughout the latter stages of the trial and during the earlier witnesses to the jury, sat with smirking faces and nonchalant attitudes expressing their feeling that they "could win in the bag."

It was the win bag, but not the one they thought.

Worley, in refuting the defense claim that McNamara, Fitzgerald, Sheridan and the other undercover detectives maltreated Montone, paid a great tribute to them, their seamanship, their fidelity and the department they represented.

"These officers are speaking of the highest consideration and heartfelt thanks of the people of Dade county, Florida," he said.

"This is the same Mickey McNamara and the same Tom Fitzgerald, who, when they found the slickest jewel thief in the last century, a man who had stolen hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of jewelry, when the underworld crooks like him were bothering us here, they found Hitzmore, arrested him and sent him to the penitentiary and recovered $100,000 worth of loot.

"I'm not going to waste time arguing whether Mickey Montone confessed up in New York or whether he was beaten or not, but I'm saying to you, gentlemen of the jury, that he wasn't beaten and he did confess. He was brought back to Dade county and here we have Neal Scaffe entering the picture.

"Scaffe is probably the best detective in the world when it comes to recovering stolen jewels, and the worst detective in the world when it comes to finding jewel thieves. Montone sends for Scaffe, Scaffe arrives and the next day we find Harrington, Scaffe's man, dickering with the county prosecutor's office and Montone's attorney and asking, if leniency could be shown if the jewels were recovered.

"I say to you Scaffe got his knowledge of where the jewels were from Montone, and when Bonnie Cohen went to the county prosecutor's office and the dickering for the return of the jewels commenced, he just knew then that Scaffe had the jewels.

"If Bonnie Cohen didn't know that he should have Cohen Scaffe or the state attorney, the federal agents, the sheriff or any law enforcement officer, and said: 'Here, my client has the information about these jewels, this man does.'

"But Bonnie didn't want Scaffe to tell that Montone was the man who told him where the jewels were."

Cohen was on his feet in an instant appealing to the court for protection against Worley's statement and when quiet was restored, Worley concluded:

"I'm afraid if I were to go to the immense ground behind the bars; afraid he'll spend on the square, the kings-eye we I get before this case is closed. We have only a few days with the answer to the question of there. There are others behind it

Left-Handy Man



Charles (Under-Your-Coat) Harrington, Scaffe's left-hand man, who is always on hand at the recovery o' stolen jewels but never seems quick enough to catch the thief. It was he who led Gene Bryant, Miami Beach detective chief, to the bus station where Bryant says he "lucky" and found the $2,500 worth of jewels stolen from Mrs. Ball.

man in their own world, and our world must be rid of these men."

Because Montone was the only defense witness to testify, Cohen had the closing argument.

He pointed out that he was young in legal experience and this was his first major case, and then he went into a detailed explanation of his presence in Pine's office and his acceptance of Bryant's promise to guarantee him $2,500 from the reward for his defense fee.

Incidentally, Cohen explained privately he has not received one penny yet for his services or his out-of-pocket expenses on the case.

"I have to believe Montone when he says he is innocent, I would be violating my oath as an attorney if I did otherwise, and when it was proposed to have him enter a plea and take a lesser sentence on the charge of unarmed robbery, I would not stand for it. I conveyed that message to Pine and said that I would stick by Montone. Ten minutes before that, Scaffe was entirely unknown to me. What was my duty? Scaffe said he had an idea the jewels would be returned and if he returned the jewels then my client's innocence would be proven."

But despite his apparent sincerity, Cohen was attempting a hopeless task. Montone himself made a poor showing on the witness stand, even though he denied every scintilla of evidence presented against him.

He had a ready, too ready, explanation for everything, and it was apparent that the six solid Dade county citizens were not very much impressed with the little crook's rapid fire talk.

Montone, too, reverted to the one word by every criminal when cornered. "They beat me."

He declared he was knocked unconscious a score or more times and that when he was brought back here he was given a minor form of third degree by Captain Worley and John Rowland, the state attorney's investigator.

Incidentally, though Rowland's name was mentioned only once in the case, and though he was prohibited from taking the stand as a witness because he was in the courtroom during earlier testimony, he was the man who did the "leg work" in the clearing up of the mystery.

Rowland knew no working hours during the last two months. Night and day, unearthing clues, running them down and checking them again and again, he was largely instrumental in building up the terrific case the state presented against Montone and Call.

With Bryant and Montone the chief witnesses during the day, there were half a dozen others who helped to fix the wedding of other links in the chain made by Worley and Carson.

The stenographic report of Bryant's and Montone's testimony follows:

Gene Bryant—witness for the state, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified as follows on

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Worley, for the state:

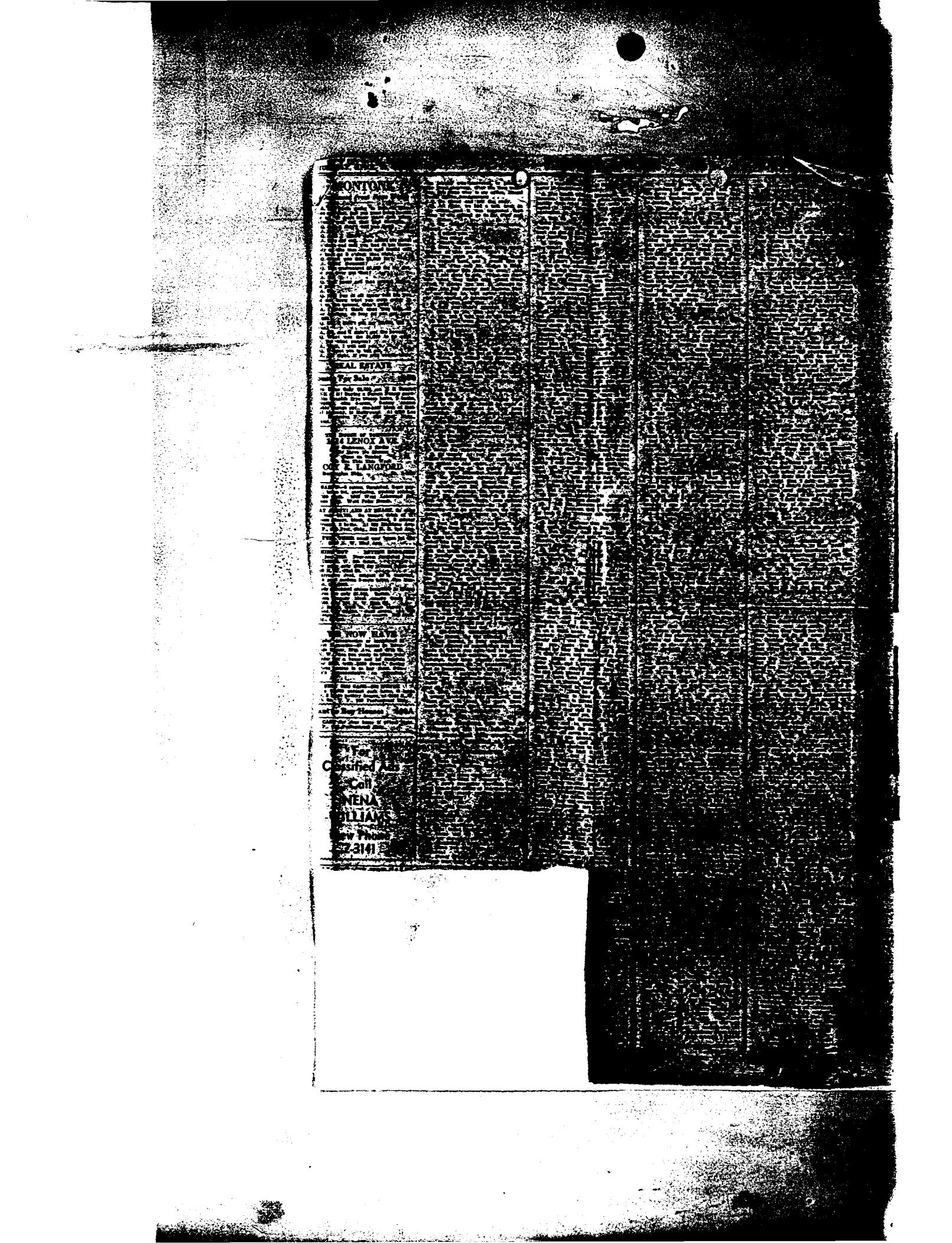
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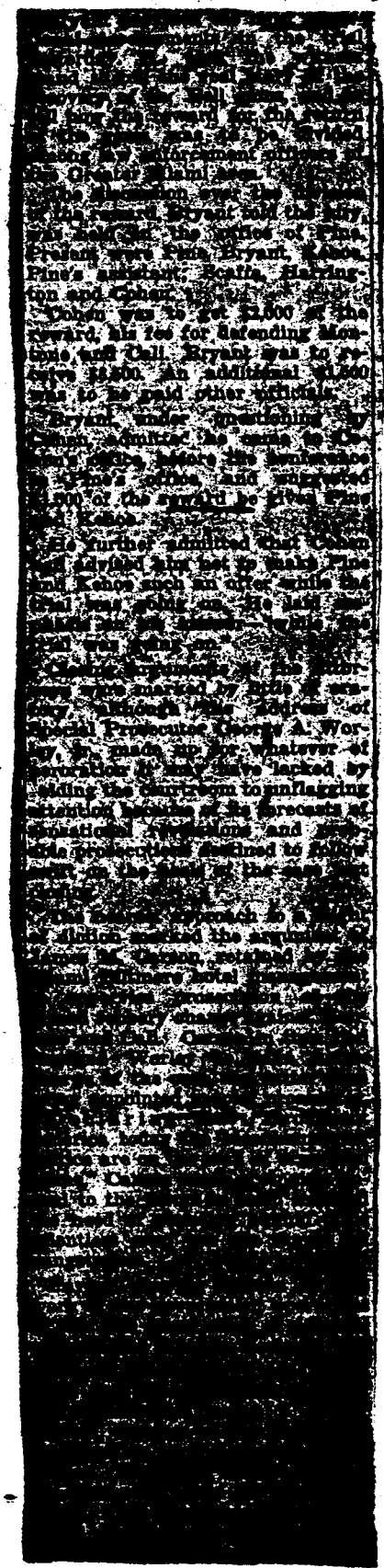
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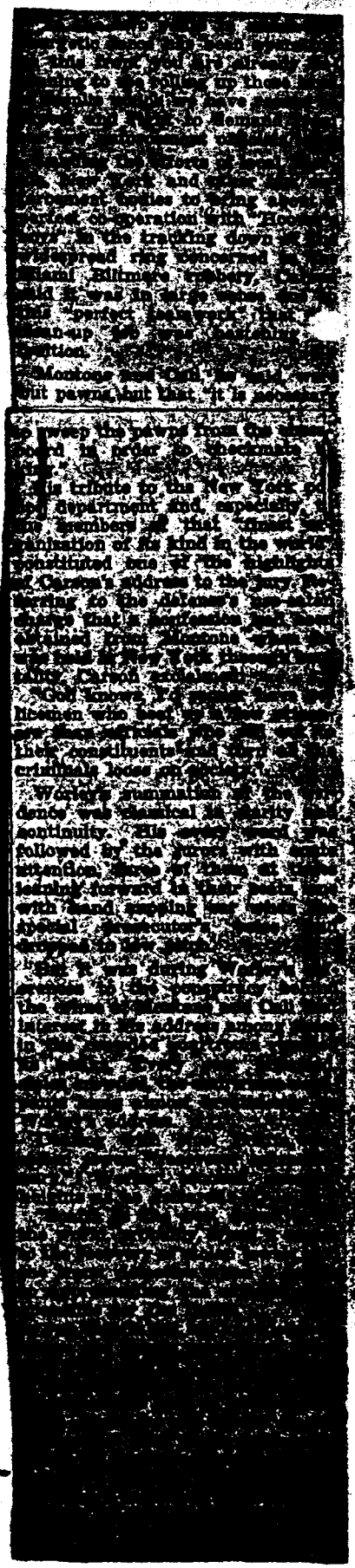
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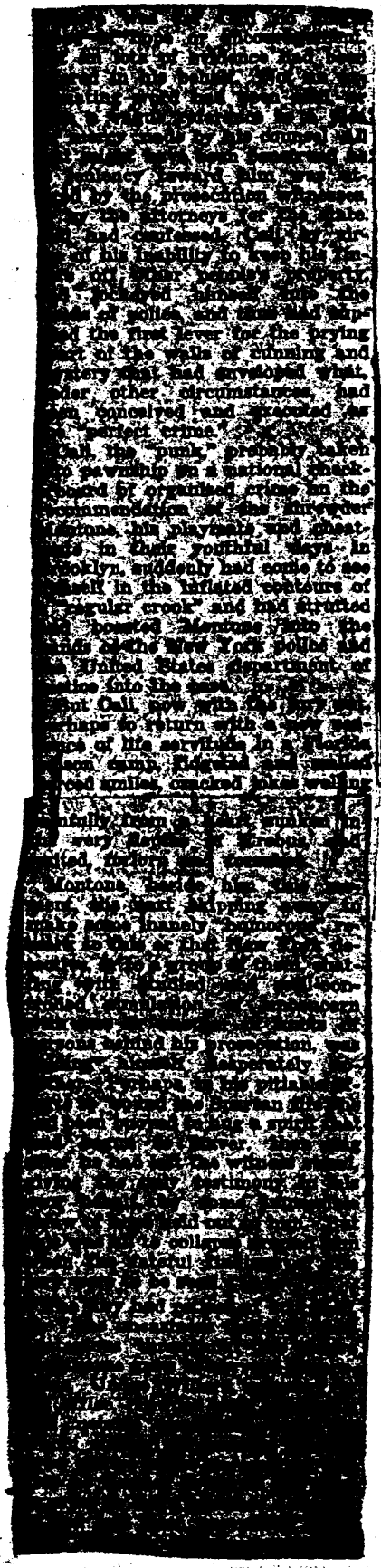
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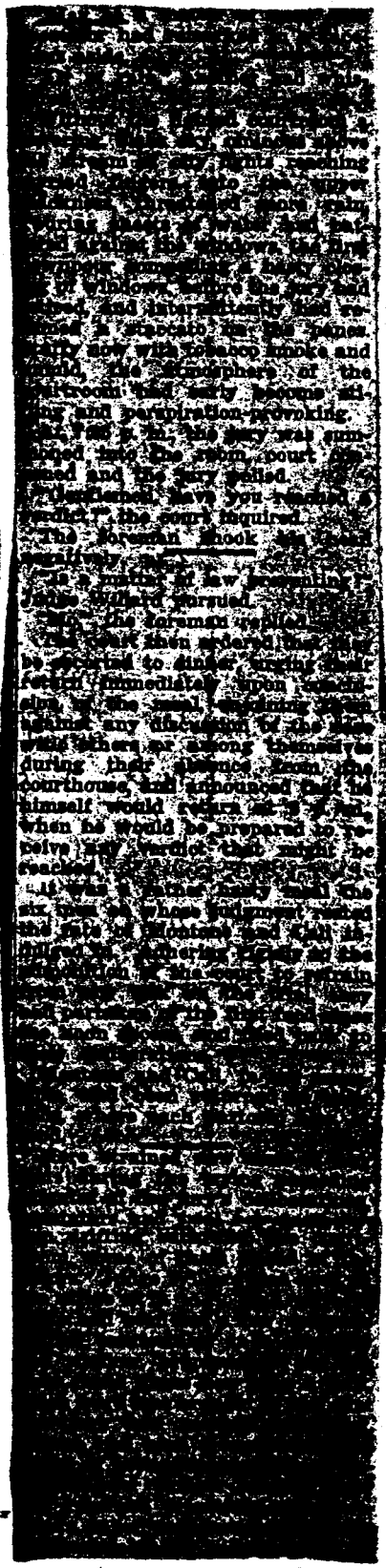
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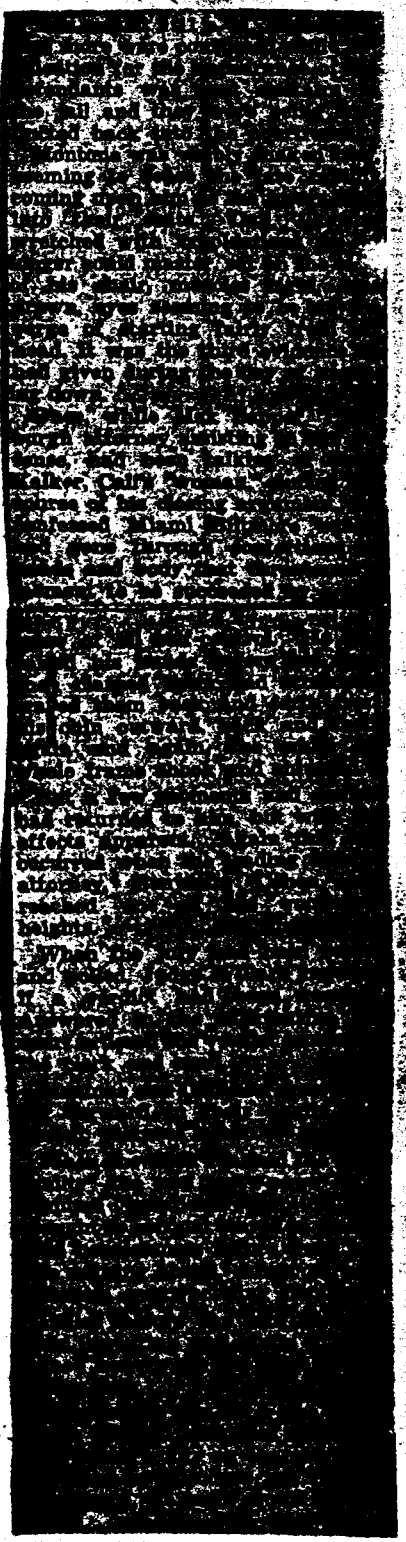








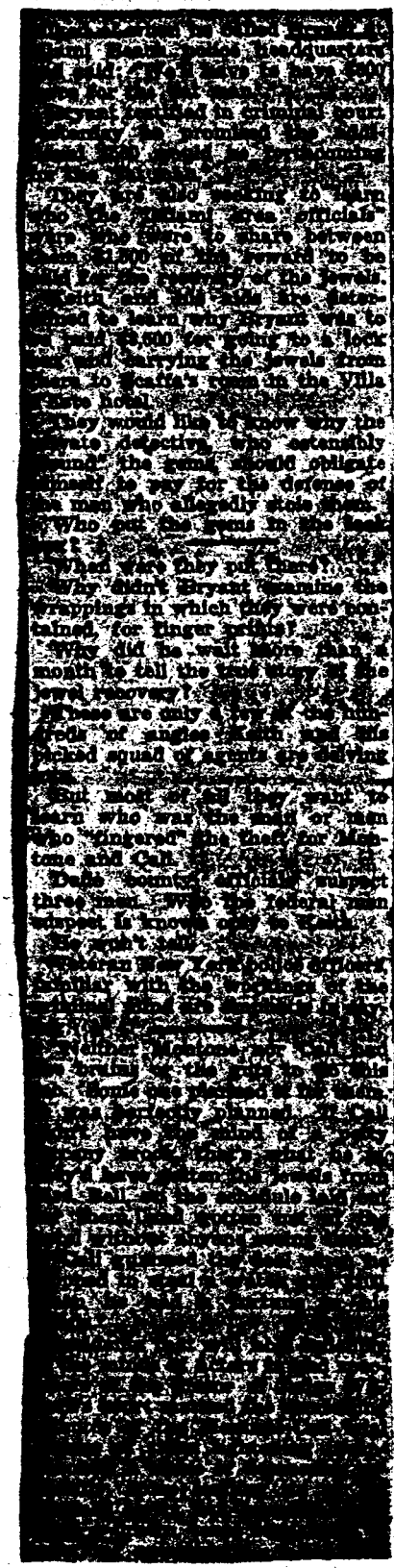


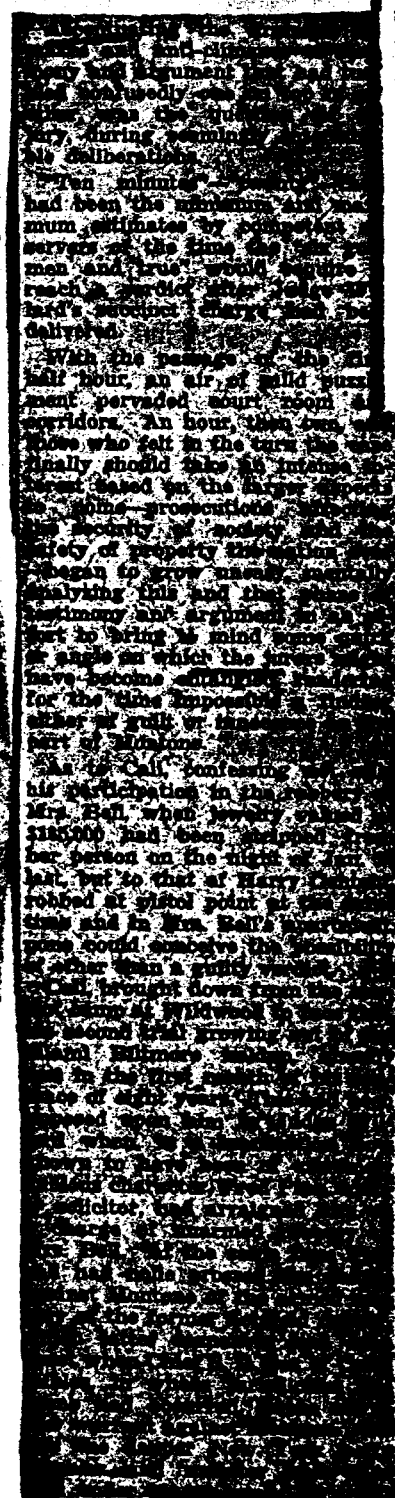


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MONTONE, CALI WAIT POSSIBLE LIFE SENTENCES

Miami Daily News Federal Bank Officials Seek Higher Ups After Two Are Convicted





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Montone, Cali Are Held Guilty In Gem Thefts

Face 10 Years to Life in Robbery Staged at Coral Gables.

By the United Press.

Miami, Fla., April 24.—Nicholas Montone, Italian race track gambler, and Charles Cali, of Miami Beach, tonight were found guilty of complicity in the $246,000 Coral Gables jewel robbery.

The jury fixed the penalty at ten years to life imprisonment. Sentence will be passed later.

All of the loot, except $4,000 worth of the jewels, was recovered under mysterious circumstances after Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Hill, of New York, in a hotel at Hallandale, Fla., near here, Saturday denied all knowledge of the crime from the witness stand today, and blamed New York detectives, who, he said, "pounded at me for days and inflicted unending torture for the reported confession."

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TWO CONVICTED FOR $246,000 JEWEL HOLDUP

Men Get 10 Years to Life in Coral Gables Robbery; One Claims Police Beating

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The jury fixed the penalty at 10 years to life imprisonment. Sentence will be passed later.

The two men were accused of taking the jewels, later recovered under mysterious circumstances, from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell, of New York, in a holdup at a fashionable hotel here.

Montone denied all knowledge of the crime from the witness stand today, and blamed New York detectives, whom he said "pounded" at him for days and inflicted unending torture, for his reported "confession."

BEATEN SENSELESS

They mauled him at station houses until he was unconscious and often senseless, he said, "and when I asked for water, they threw it in my face." He quoted the officers as saying:

"You'll confess now or we'll kill you. We've had tougher guys than you in here. You'll confess, tell us who else is in on this job, and like it, or we'll throw you out the window. You know nobody knows you're here."

After the threat, a policeman pounced upon the 125-pound prisoner, he said, and beat him until he had to change his blood soaked shirt before he could be taken away from the station house by ambulance physicians.

OFFERED SPLIT

At another "flogging," the detectives said to him, according to his testimony:

"We know you've got this stuff. Let us have it and we'll get a little dough out of this. Tell us what you know. You're an intelligent looking kid and we'll get a little dough out of this stunt."

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U.S. ASKS 'YARD' NAB GEM RING

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Action Is Revealed After Miami Robbery

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NEW YORK, April 24 (U.S.).—Scotland Yard has been asked by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the U. S. Division of Investigation, to aid in breaking up an international jewel-theft ring, it was learned today, as Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, appeared before Federal authorities here for the third time.

As the investigation spread from the recent Miami robbery of Mrs. Margaret Bell, dancer, whose $185,000 in jewelry was mysteriously returned by Scaffa, to other similar thefts and returns throughout the United States, other European police were asked to help locate a missing witness.

He is an insurance adjuster, who left the United States when the inquiry was getting under way. He was last reported "on the Continent."

Another international angle of the ring's activities, in which they are reputed to have made more than $5,000,000 in the last two years, was the discovery that the famous Lloyd's of London, insurance firm, also has been victimized by the racketeers.

In connection with the Bell case, Miami city officials today were called upon to appear before the Federal Grand Jury here next week.

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Jury Convicts 2 In Miami Jewel Robbery Case

Pair Who Took Watch From Content, $185,000 Gems From Woman Found Guilty

Beating Laid to Police

Scaffa Called Into Case 'Because He Was Nice Man'

Special to the Herald Tribune

MIAMI, April 24.—Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, of Brooklyn, were convicted by a jury tonight on charges of taking a watch and $100 in cash from Harry Content, a New York broker, in the Miami Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, on January 26. Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, a former dancer, lost $185,000 in jewels in the same robbery.

Judge Ben C. Willard deferred sentence pending a motion for a new trial which will be filed by Benjamin Cohen, attorney for the men. They face twenty years to life in prison. Cali pleaded guilty to a charge of unarmed robbery several days ago and was sentenced to eight years in jail.

Montone was the only witness for the defense. He denied that he had participated in the robbery and said that after his arrest in New York last February he had been beaten by police and knocked out at least twenty-five times. He mentioned Lieutenant Michael McNamara and Detectives Thomas Fitzgerald as his alleged assailants.

Beat Him Twenty-eight Hours, He Says

"They kept at it for twenty-eight hours," he said, "and when I asked for water, they threw it in my face and then only booked me when Commissioner Valentine phoned that my attorney was after a writ of habeas corpus."

Montone said that he never had been in the Miami Biltmore Hotel and never had been in Coral Gables except on his way to a race track. He denied knowing Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, [illegible] investigation by the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice in connection with the return of Mrs. Bell's jewels, but admitted that he had telegraphed him from Miami, because "he was a nice man." Scaffa came to Miami, he said, but was piqued because Montone knew nothing about the robbery of the jewels and left in a few days.

Scaffa in Mentioned

[illegible] chief counsel for defense attorneys, said that the prosecution was "after Scaffa," who has twice gone before a federal grand jury in New York in connection with the handling of Mrs. Bell's jewels. Three federal officials, [illegible] Coffey, Collector of Internal Revenue, [illegible] pear before the Federal Grand Jury in New York on Monday.

The state rested its case against Montone with Bryant's testimony of an alleged plan of certain officials to divide among themselves a $15,000 reward for the return of the jewels. Bryant also spoke of a conference in Pine's office at which, he said, Scaffa asked leniency for Cali and Montone if the jewels were restored.

Montone said that he was "laid up for two weeks—so badly hurt that I couldn't see my lawyer," after the alleged beating by New York detectives, and that once, when he asked for an attorney, Fitzgerald said, "Here, I'll give you a lawyer," and hit him on the jaw.

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QUITS UNDER FIRE

Detective Bryant of Miami Resigns From Post.

Following his testimony that he had agreed to split the $15,000 reward offered for the return of jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell and Harry Content last winter in Miami, Detective Chief Eugene E. Bryant of the [illegible]hern resort last night resign[illegible] [illegible]n t[illegible] police force.

Bryant, who took the stand at the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, Brooklyn thugs who were convicted on Wednesday, said that he had "recovered" the gems from a safe deposit box with a key furnished by Noel Scaffa, New York private detective.

The police detective said that he was to have received $3,500 of the reward. From this amount he was to have paid the fee of the defendants' attorney, Benjamin Cohen, who had asked $2,000 for his services. Bryant said that he had told Cohen that he would like to see "$1,500 go to Dade County Solicitor Fred Pine and Jack Kehoe, his assistant."

Scaffa, who has already testified before the Grand Jury, is expected to be called again next week when the witnesses, subpoenaed by Department of Justice operators are heard.

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DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1935

SLEUTH CHIEF QUITS IN GEM REWARD PLOT

Miami, Fla., April 25 (AP).—The first sequel to his amazing story of a scheme of certain officials to split a $15,000 reward offered for recovery of $185,000 in stolen gems came tonight with resignation of Eugene E. Bryant as detective chief of Miami Beach.

"Pursuant to your request of this date," Bryant wrote City Manager Claude A. Renshaw, "I am tendering my resignation to take effect at once."

Says Scaffa Had Key.

Bryant told of the agreement at the trial of Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone, convicted last night of armed robbery in the holdup Jan. 26 of Harry Content, New York broker, and Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer.

It was Bryant who on March 18 reported mysteriously finding in his parked automobile the $185,000 in jewels stripped from Mrs. Bell by the two robbers who invaded her Miami Biltmore Hotel suite.

From the witness stand yesterday he admitted he actually "recovered" the gems from a deposit box unlocked with a key furnished him by Noel C. Scaffa, New York private detective.

Reveals Reward Split.

Relating details of the reward split, Bryant testified he was to have received $3,500, from which he guaranteed the $2,000 fee of Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Montone and Cali.

He said he told Cohen he would "like to see $1,500 go to Pine and Kehoe."

County Solicitor Fred W. Pine and his assistant, Jack Kehoe, as well as Bryant, Cohen and C. Harrington, adjuster for the Scaffa Agency, have been summoned to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in New York next Monday.

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NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1935.

Detective Quits in Gem Theft.

MIAMI, April 25 (AP).—Eugene E. Bryant resigned today as detective chief of Miami Beach, as an aftermath of his admission that he was to share in the $15,000 reward for the recovery of $185,000 in stolen jewelry. Charles Cali and Nicholas Monfone, both of Brooklyn, N. Y., were convicted last night of armed robbery in the hold-up Jan. 26 of Harry Content, New York broker, and [illegible] Margaret Bell, former dan

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NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 19[illegible]

GEM PLOT OUSTS DETECTIVE CHIEF

Miami Beach Official Implicated in Bell Jewels Return Resigns

Special Dispatch to New York Post

MIAMI, April 26.—Miami Beach will have a new chief of detectives as a result of the Bell jewel robbery scandal.

Eugene E. Bryant resigned from the job at the request of the City Manager.

Bryant has admitted participating in a conference at which the splitting of an expected $15,000 reward was discussed. The reward was for return of $165,000 in jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell of New York. Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali have been convicted of the robbery.

Bryant, County Solicitor Pine, Assistant Solicitor Kehoe, Benjamin Cohen, attorney for the convicted men, and Clarence Harrington, Miami agent for Noel Scaffa, private detective, are under subpena to testify before a New York Federal Grand Jury Monday.

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JEWEL ROBBERIES

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Friday, April 26, 1935 N.Y. DAILY MIRROR

Scaffa the Great

There is in New York a rather remarkable man named Noel C. Scaffa. He is a sharp-eyed, hook-nosed, black-mustached gentleman who over the years has made a business of recovering stolen jewelry. Whenever some rich woman is foolish enough to be robbed of her baubles, the first thing everyone says is, "Wait a little while, Noel Scaffa will get 'em back." And he *will*. Now the Department of Justice and the Federal Grand Jury is looking into this system.

It is an extraordinarily cute system. Nobody loses. That is, hardly anyone. A dowager is robbed. Her jewels are insured. Scaffa gets them back. The insurance company is satisfied. The police are relieved of an embarrassing situation. The dowager is happy. The thieves have usually been paid enough to make the operation worth while, as there is very little profit in selling stolen stuff to a "fence." And Mr. Scaffa, the magician who has so many valuable underworld contacts, is happy and well paid for his services to the community.

Mr. Scaffa, through his attorney, Isidor Bregoff, has made an explanation of his conduct in the recovery of the $185,000 worth of jewelry taken from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell last January in Miami. His first story was that the chief of detectives of Miami, Eugene Bryant, recovered the jewels. Now, under oath, he tells another story. It seems that Scaffa agreed with Bryant to give him both the credit and a large part of the $15,000 reward. Bryant got $3,500. Benjamin Cohen, counsel for the two alleged thieves, Montone and Cali, is said to have received a similar sum and to have planned to divide it with his law partner, County Solicitor Fred W. Pine, and his assistant, Jack Kehoe. Bryant was to divide the rest of the reward money among various "peace officers."

Now the truth is that Scaffa himself found the jewels in a safe deposit box, for which, in some magical fashion, he had obtained the key. Of all this monkey business, Scaffa's lawyer says: "Mr. Scaffa has the confidence of the insurance companies and they know this is his method and they approve it."

Is that so? May we suggest, with all admiration for the undoubted talents of Mr. Scaffa, that the whole system smells?



Here is Noel Scaffa, a strictly private detective, kind of magician who produces stolen jewelry after police have fallen down on the job. (See editorial)

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NEW YORKERS WHO WERE VICTIMS IN $185,000 GEM ROBBERY

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Miami Beach Detective Resigns

HE OFFERED TO SPLIT REWARD

U.S. Jury Acts In Strange Case



MRS. MARGARET BELL AND HARRY CONTENT, shown as they waited to testify in gem theft trial.

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Exactly a day after telling an amazing story of an alleged agreement to split a $15,000 reward offered in the $185,000 Miami gem theft case, Detective Chief Eugene E. Bryant of Miami Beach resigned last night.

Bryant's surprise move came as the Department of Justice, trying to smash an international ring of jewel thieves, served a handful of subpoenas in Florida.

The subpoenas will bring to New York at least six persons, including Bryant, who were connected with the Miami trial of the two men accused of robbing Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer, and Harry Content, broker, last Wednesday.

Two Are Convicted

The defendants, Frederick Lee, Brooklyn hoodlum, and Charles Gall, were convicted Wednesday [illegible] It was at their trial that Bryant told of the alleged agreement. On March 13, Bryant [illegible] seriously finding on the seat of his parked car the $185,000 in jewels stolen from Mrs. Bell by the two bandits who invaded her hotel suite.

From the witness stand Bryant admitted he actually "recovered" the jewels from a deposit box unlocked with a key furnished by Noel C. Scaffa, New York private detective.

Bryant testified he was to have got $3,500 for the "recovery." From this, he guaranteed the $2,000 fee of Benjamin Cohen, the defendants' attorney. He testified also he had told Cohen he "would like to see $1,500 go to "Dade County Solicitor Fred Pine and Jack Kehoe, his assistant."

Faces Third Quiz

The fact that the Government's investigation is being conducted by the Grand Jury here is taken to indicate the gems were in this city at some time.

Scaffa, already before the Federal talesmen twice, probably will face a third examination Monday

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BRYANT RESIGNS AT RENSHAW'S REQUEST; MONTONE QUESTIONED

Federal Investigation of $246,500 Jewel Robbery Pushed By Agents

Federal investigation of all angles in the theft of jewelry, valued at $246,500 and insured for $188,000, at the Miami Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, on January 26, and the subsequent recovery of the jewels on March 18, continues in full force.

Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, Brooklyn, N. Y., bandits, were convicted in Criminal court here Wednesday of armed robbery for taking a valuable watch and $100 in cash from Harry Content, New York broker, while robbing Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former "Follies" dancer, of her expensive jewels.

The conviction of Montone and Call settled the score of the state of Florida against them. Federal operatives now are looking into the violation of the national stolen property act which provides stiff penalties for interstate transportation of stolen goods.

Transportation of the stolen jewels from Miami to New York, admitted by Montone under questioning by New York City detectives following his arrest there on March 7, and later denied while a defense witness Wednesday, made it possible for the federal opera-

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himself, Noel Scaffa, head of a detective agency; C. Herrington, Scaffa detective; Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Montone and Call, and Jack Kahoe, assistant county solicitor, to split a $15,000 reward for the return of the jewelry.

Mr. Kahoe has vigorously denied the statements of Bryant.

Bryant was to have received $8,500 of the reward, he admitted.

In writing his resignation, Bryant, who had been a member of the Miami Beach police department for nearly 18 years, wrote Claude A. Renshaw, Miami Beach city manager: "Please understand that I have not deliberately done anything wrong, but made a mistake, for which I am indeed sorry. . . ."

His letter, in full, follows:

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"I always have worked for the benefit of both the city and the Miami Beach police department, giving my best to both. Please understand that I have not deliberately done anything wrong, but made a mistake, for which I am indeed sorry, and I want it known that other members of the police department and city officials had nothing to do with it whatever.

"It is with deep regret that I sever my connections with the city and leave the men that I worked with so hard.

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Pine Whitewash Frees Schwartz

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County Vindicator Fred Pine tested his new grade whitewash yesterday and it worked just as well as the barrel he mixed for use at the Bob Watson and other trials. When it was all mixed and applied, Louis Schwartz, professional operator against whom Pine leveled 4 charges of perjury, bookie, and beneficial of Watson, the ex-Judge Darling walked out of Judge Ben G. Willard's Criminal courtroom, thoroughly "vindicated" in the approved Pine fashion of the between charges of perjury.

It took a jury 24 minutes to acquit Schwartz on one perjury charge and Judge Willard, perforce, had to direct a verdict of acquittal on the second.

At the same time all this was going on in the sixth floor room of the Dade county courthouse, Pine was fighting like a cornered rat to find some way out of the jam he found himself in because of his connection with the Scaffa-Montane-Call-Bryant-Cohen deal in the Miami Biltmore $246,300 holdup.

The new mixture that Pine used so successfully yesterday was a concoction of putting the case in the hands of his able and conscientious assistant, Ernest E. Roberts, a few hours before Schwartz was to go to trial, and the disappearance of vital grand jury records, that, according to the testimony,

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LOUIS SCHWARTZ—... with new brand of whitewash

which indicted Schwartz, testified he was fully aware that the uncorroborated testimony of one witness was not sufficient to convict in a perjury charge and the grand jury files would show there was other evidence, which the grand jurors believed to be so conclusive as to indicate that a conviction would be obtained.

The records, however, were missing. Hawthorne testified they had been turned over to Pine's office after the indictments were returned but hunt high and hunt low, they could not be found yesterday.

Burt Riley, attorney who assisted in the grand jury investigation and who took his own shorthand notes—notes that might have had a vital bearing on the case—was reported as being out of town, either in New York or Tallahassee. Put on hasty [illegible] as a TRIBUNE reporter was watching Detective Sergeant Eddie McCahey make an arrest of an alleged [illegible] man on E. Flagler st. in front of the McCrory store, Burt Riley was reading an [illegible] newspaper as he stood [illegible] from the drizzling rain. A doorway less than 50 feet away. And that's how the jury [illegible] Willard, and Assistant County Solicitor Roberts, and [illegible] a fish out of water, [illegible] It smelled to the high heavens.

Just as Judge Brown did in the trial of Bob Watson, bagman for the gambling interests, when Pine did his utmost to throw the case, Judge Willard took an active hand in attempting to dig out the real facts in the case.

But they were buried too deeply and while a directed verdict in the first case would have been fully justified, Judge Willard allowed it to go to the jury though everyone knew that on the face of the evidence there could be no other verdict but acquittal.

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tives to enter the case. It also made it possible for the government men to carry on their investigations, looking to the breaking up of a reputed international ring of jewel thieves and fences of whom Montone and Call are believed to be minor associates.

That the federal operatives will be successful in breaking up the ring and arresting its leaders is indicated from recent results of their work in running down notorious criminals.

Developments here yesterday included the forced resignation of Eugene E. Bryant as chief of detectives of Miami Beach, and the further questioning of Montone by John M. Keith, department of justice operative in charge of the investigation here.

Bryant's resignation did not come as a surprise. He had been placed in a ridiculous position through a story he invented and told to Miami Beach city officials and newspapermen to account for the recovery of the jewels and by his lax police methods whom he failed to make any effort to trace the person who placed the jewels in a Miami bus terminal lock box from which they were recovered.

The former Miami Beach detective chief's original story of the recovery of the jewels was a fantastic tale that they had been placed in his parked automobile while he was in the Flamingo Hotel, Miami Beach, in response to a mysterious telephone call.

More than a month later, under prodding by federal agents, he told the truth about the recovery and admitted an alleged agreement between himself, Noel Scaffa, head of a detective agency; C. Harrington, Scaffa detective; Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Montone and Call, and Jack Kehoe, assistant county solicitor, to split a $14,000 reward for the return of the jewelry.

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might have had an important bearing on the case.

But Roberts had to handle a case without any opportunity to prepare it and the records were missing, so the jury could do nothing else but give the bondsman a clean bill of health.

And the case that was dumped in Roberts' lap at a moment's notice had been in the county vindicator's office for more than three months and the Schwartz trial had been on the calendar for more than two weeks.

The charge against Schwartz centered around testimony he gave before the grand jury investigating the political grafting ring following the slaying of gambler George (Skeets) Downs, in which he denied an alleged conversation with Abe Goldman, now a reformed bondsman, regarding the freeing of prisoners from city jail by bribing City Clerk Harold E. Ross.

Incidentally, Ross was completely exonerated of the bribery charge when he was tried some months ago.

Goldman was the only witness whose evidence tended to establish the perjury charge against his brother-bondsman. But N. Vernon Hawthorne, state attorney, who was in charge of the grand jury which indicted Schwartz, testified he was fully aware that the uncorroborated testimony of one witness was not sufficient to convict in a perjury charge and the grand jury files would show there was other evidence, which the grand jurors believed to be so conclusive as to indicate that a conviction would be obtained.

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BRYANT FORCED TO RESIGN



Gene Bryant, who was forced to resign as chief of detectives, Miami Beach police department, yesterday because of the part he played in the recovery of Mrs. Bell's stolen jewels. He is shown above displaying the $248,000 gems.

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G-Men Shun Parley Plea of Vindicator

The trail blazed by the conviction this week of Little Nickey Montone and Charles Cali, in the $246,300 Miami Biltmore hotel jewel robbery, pointed directly to two big-time New York gangsters as the brains or "finger men"

In the huge national jewel robbery ring now being smoked out by operatives of the department of justice.

At the same time, county "Vindicator" Fred Pine, linked in the reward "split" with Noel Scaffa, Jack Kehoe, Eugene Bryant and others, and subpoenaed to appear Monday before a federal grand jury in New York city, yesterday tried to contact federal agents here, but was told he "could tell his story Monday in New York."

Another repercussion of the now famous trial was the firing yesterday of Gene Bryant, chief of Miami Beach detectives, by City Manager Claude Renshaw. Bryant also was in on the "split" and it was his confession during the Montone trial that brought to light the nefarious scheme of Pine, Kehoe, Benny Cohen and Noel Scaffa, to "vindicate" Montone in the robbery, and let Cali take the rap on unarmed robbery charges.

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Pine, Kehoe, Cohen, Bryant and Charles Harrington, Scaffa's lefthand man, all have been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury Monday in New York city, to relate their stories of the $16,000 "split" to whitewash Montone and Cali, for the return of the jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawsworth Bell in the Biltmore robbery. The same grand jury now is investigating the nation-wide ring of jewel thieves and recoverers, Scaffa is reputedly the ace of recoverers in the world today, but never has recovered a thief.

The work of the New York detectives who arrested Montone and assisted local authorities and federal agents in the investigation, were warmly praised last night by James M. Carson, one of the special prosecutors, in a letter sent to Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine.

"The letter read [illegible]

"Almost a month ago I was retained by the management of the Miami Biltmore hotel to assist in charge of the investigation and prosecution for the theft of Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, who were charged with the armed robbery of Mrs. Margaret H. Bell of Harry Content in the Miami Biltmore hotel on January 26, 193[illegible]

"George A. Worley, Jr., was appointed special prosecutor, and I was sworn in also as special prosecutor, although my employment came from the management of the hotel.

"Both defendants were found guilty by a jury in the Criminal Court of Record of this county last night.

"My purpose in writing this letter is to say that Lieut. Michael McNamara, Sergt. Hugh Sheridan, First Grade Detectives Thomas Fitzgerald, Eddie Fitzgerald and Eddie Swift, responded to their subpoena, came to Miami, and were all excellent witnesses. Besides their testimony, however, I think I should say that the people of Miami and of the state of Florida owe all these high-grade officers a deep debt of gratitude for their efficient service in helping to solve this much at least of the Biltmore jewel robbery. In all my years of practice, I know of no instance where officers have been more diligent or more effective in solving crime, nor do I know of any instance where five officers have made more convincing witnesses, or given clearer or better testimony than these five men. Each of them as he came to the stand pinned the shield of the New York police department to his coat, and they, along with the agents of the department of justice, gave to the public a fine example of co-operation between different law enforcement agencies. I extend to you my personal thanks, and thanks of the Miami Biltmore hotel, and I am sure that if I could speak to them, I should be authorized to extend to you the thanks of a very large majority of the people of this city and county.

"JAMES M. CARSON."

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SCAFFA LASHED FOR FAILING TO AID AT TRIAL

Miami Prosecutor Assails N. Y. Detective in Gem Theft Case; Sends Letter Here

A letter denouncing Noel Scaffa for his failure to respond to a subpoena as a witness in a Miami jewelry robbery trial was sent to Secretary of State Flynn, in Albany, yesterday by Special Prosecutor George A. Worley, of Miami.

The testimony of Scaffa, head of a New York private detective agency, was wanted in the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, who were convicted of the theft of $185,000 in jewels from Margaret Bell.

Seek Higher-Ups

Worley, who has sworn to "get the higher-ups" behind the robbery and subsequent return of the jewels, declared Scaffa's failure to answer the subpoena showed "a complete lack of desire to cooperate with the courts of justice."

He said he filed the protest with Flynn "for such action as you see fit."

Quizzed by Jury

Eugene A. Bryan, who resigned from his job Thursday as chief of Miami Beach detectives, named Scaffa go-between in a plot to split $15,000 reward for the return of the jewels.

Scaffa has twice appeared before the Federal Grand Jury here, which is investigating interstate traffic in the loot. He and others will be questioned again Monday.

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End Of Mr. Gene 'Ra?' Bryan

MIAMI LIFE April 27, 1935.

When a chief of detectives starts consorting and conspiring with a pair of cheap crooks like Charles Cali and Nicky Montone and permits visions of reward money to blind him to the sworn duties of his office it is high time that steps be taken to put him behind the bars of his own jail—where he obviously belongs.

We refer to Mr. Eugene Bryant, celebrated jewel "recoverer," who poses for magazines and admits that he is a great sleuth. Just how great a detective he really is was fully disclosed in Criminal Court when under a severe grilling he shamelessly admitted lying about the recovery of the Biltmore hotel robbery jewels and told how he planned to whack up the $15,000 reward money, keeping, of course, the greater portion for himself.

We might forgive Mr. Bryant his inability to catch crooks without conspiring with them. We might even forgive him for trying to make a national hero of himself by claiming honors for recovering jewels after he had been handed the key to a safe deposit box where they reposed, but it is hard to forgive a "RAT" who attempts to drag conscientious, clean-cut young law enforcing officials into the slimy plot with him.

Cali and Montone snatched a quarter of a million dollars worth of jewels from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell last January at the Miami Biltmore hotel. They made a clean getaway. Later Cali was picked up by a Miami Beach patrolman, not Mr. Eugene Bryant, on a charge of stealing a bicycle. For several days Cali laid in Mr. Bryant's hoosegow without the celebrated "recoverer" having the least inkling that he might be connected with the sensational robbery. Then Cali tried to smuggle a note out of the jug and Bryant started some of his famous sleuthing. He didn't accomplish a great deal and certainly did not recover the jewels. The name of Montone was dragged into the mess and he was apprehended in New York and returned to Miami where he maintained he knew nothing of the robbery.

Appearance of Noel Scaffa in Miami should have, and probably did, arouse the suspicions of the officers because whenever a big jewel robbery is staged along the Atlantic Seaboard Scaffa generally gets a finger in the pie somewhere along the line and the jewels are generally recovered after substantial "rewards" have been paid. When Scaffa arrived in Miami Bryant smelled a "reward" pronto. He hitched himself onto Mr. Scaffa's coat-tail and when he wasn't around with Charles Harrington, Scafft's tobboganing on that garment was playing right bower.

Bryant went to Scaffa's room in the Villa de Este hotel. Scaffa said "do you feel lucky," and handed Bryant a key to a safe deposit locker. The great detective chief burned out a bearing getting to the safe deposit box and was so excited at visions of reward m that he threw away the wrappings fro stolen jewels, destroying forever all fi prints and other clues which might hav to the bandits. After recovering the je instead of [illegible]ing to police headqua Mr. Brya[illegible]ted back to the hotel w he permitted Mr. Scaffa to fondle the g and thimble rig the whole deal by makin a story to tell the gullible public, a story cidently, which would keep Mr. Scaffa much in the background and lionize Eugene Bryant.

The story was a cuckoo. Summoning porters and camera men to his office Bry melodramatically told how the jewels been carelessly tossed into his automo while he and Harrington were answering a fake telephone call to a Miami Beach hotel. He exhibited the jewels and strutted for the cameras, visualizing new glory and new magazine photographers and the $15,000 reward he was to receive.

In open court and on the witness stand Bryant admitted that he planned to keep $8,500 of the reward money himself. He intended to divvy the remainder where he saw fit and for some reason, beyond sane comprehension, he included Young Jack Kehoe, assistant county solicitor, in his list. He had young Kehoe, a brilliant young attorney whose name has never been touched by the breath of scandal and whose integrity has never been challenged, on his list for $500. It is a crying shame that a man of Kehoe's calibre should be accused by such a "RAT."

Bryant was advised by the attorney for Cali and Montone to refrain from even suggesting a $500 gift to Kehoe until after the trials of the two accused men but instead of doing so rushed in in an apparent attempt to connect Kehoe with his own nefarious conspiracy to thwart justice. Bryant admitted that the $15,000 has not been paid. Just why Bryant included Kehoe is a mystery unless he was under the impression that Kehoe would be called upon to prosecute Cali and Montone and might be swayed by a paltry $500 from his sworn duties. Evidently Chief of Detectives Bryant doesn't know Jack Kehoe. It will take much more than any $500 to make him forget his duties and wouldn't be at all surprising if he knocked the ears off anyone, chief of detectives included, who tried to bribe him.

As the matter stands now the "G" men have full charge of the investigation of Bryant's shady methods. Bryant, Kehoe, Fred Pine and others, have been ordered to New York to appear before a Federal grand jury and the outcome will doubtless be sensational. If Bryant can extricate himself from the mess he will be a Houdini, no less. While the "Feds" are at it, it might behoove them to investigate the "recovery" of the Sidemore jewels a couple of years ago and ask Mr. Bryant whether he received any rewards.

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SCAFFA TRIAL ABSENCE HIT

A letter denouncing Noel Scaffa for his failure to respond to a subpoena as a witness in a Miami jewelry robbery trial was sent to Secretary of State Flynn, in Albany, by Special Prosecutor George A. Worley, of Miami.

The testimony of Scaffa, head of a New York private detective agency, was wanted in the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, who were convicted of the theft of $185,000 in jewels from Margaret Bell.

Worley, who has sworn to "get the higher-ups" behind the robbery and subsequent return of the jewels, declared Scaffa's failure to answer the subpoena showed "a complete lack of desire to cooperate with the courts of justice."

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Mrs. Jessie Bell

Although Mrs. Jessie Donahue's jewels were stolen and returned in 1925, the mystery of their theft and recovery hasn't yet been cleared up.

Federal Robbers Try to Learn How He Retrieves Gems

By RUTH REYNOLDS.

NOW a detective is being detected.

Federal authorities are determined to learn more about the private life of Noel Charles Scaffa, the jewel detective and gentleman juggler who has police and pigeons, plutocrats and politicians at his beck and call.

All the tricks of the trade which he has perfected with such profit are being turned on him by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Identification of the Department of Justice. The department wants to learn whether the gem retriever has been transporting stolen goods or giving invaluable aid to the police.

Never was any one more grateful than Scaffa that Grand Jury proceedings are secret. Anything he says is liable to be used against him by both sides—police and underworld. He has a foot on each.

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FOR fourteen years this dapper 46-year-old Italian has been his own boss detective.

It took him five years to learn he had to play ball with the New York police. It took him twice that long to build up a network of stool-pigeon aids and to gain a reputation for jewel retrieving which has Pinkerton and Burns men green with envy. And it took almost thrice that long for Mr. Scaffa's unusual career to come to the attention of Federal authorities.

For Mr. Scaffa's life is very, very private indeed.

Learned Detective Work With Pinkertons.

Born in Sicily, Scaffa was brought to this country in his babyhood, and was reared along the sidewalks of New York, with a handful of brothers and sisters. His father was a contractor but the family prospered little.

Noel has little education and before he was out of his teens found himself working as a laborer for his father. But the boy was smart enough to know that there was easier money to be made—somewhere—somehow.

His father died when he was 15. In the next few years the son failed in his effort to carry on his father's business. Then Noel spruced himself up a bit and landed a job as office boy with the Pinkerton agency.

He stayed with the Pinkertons seven years—first as office boy, then a shadower on small jobs, then as a full fledged investigator dee-tack-a-tiff . . . and a pretty good one, too.

He grew to be a suave, handsome young man, six feet tall, olive complexioned, and black haired. He cultivated a soft voice, a pleasant personality and a broker appearance. He dressed well and who couldn't, who would talk and who wouldn't.

In 1921 he opened his own shop, the Scaffa Detective Agency at 32 Beaver St. He now operates in an unpretentious office at 111 John St.

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AT first it was hard sledding and he did whatever he could, took whatever jobs he could get. But he specialized in the return of stolen jewels to insurance companies—and gradually won the confidence and respect of at least ten of the major jewelry insurers throughout the country. Most of the companies promise to pay within ninety days of the theft. Scaffa works fast.

Now insurance companies, along with God and detectives, move in mysterious ways their wonders to perform. There have been unkind cracks to the effect that if there were no jewel robberies there would be no need for jewel insurance, but that is neither here nor there.

For there are jewel robberies—many, many more than ever reach the eyes of newspaper readers. And there is jewel insurance—carried by almost every moneyed person who dotes on valuable sparklers. And there is Scaffa who has been heard to say:

"Those who have valuable jewels are careless of them as long as they are insured. They seem to say 'why worry? The gems are insured. I won't be out anything.'"

Scaffa's friends say he is continually throwing his bread buttered-side-down and advocating that insurance companies be more strict in writing risks.

[illegible] the return of stolen jewels, then pay the face amount of the policy to the jewel owners. And in the good old days they were quite willing to take the jewels, pay the reward, and no questions asked.

That was Mr. Scaffa's pudding. It had plenty of plums.

A robbery occurred. The thieves sold their loot to a fence. The fence had a friend who happened to be a Scaffa stool pigeon. Scaffa purchased the jewels from the fence and returned them to the insurance company. The company paid the reward, which Scaffa divvied up with his business acquaintances.

Eventually, Scaffa's name and reputation grew in the half-world. There were times when the fence himself called Scaffa, and it finally reached a point where certain thieves, sure of immunity, did their own telephoning.

The police were not involved.

The insurance companies scoff at the idea that a jewel detective, bent on doing business for them or for himself, might tip off a thief after he learned from insurance records that Mrs. Money-Bags has a lot of jewels. The insurance records, the companies say, are not open to detectives.

They do not scoff at the idea that many of the jewels that are stolen are taken with the sole purpose of selling them back to the insurance companies. That's been a flourishing racket for years.

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OF COURSE, every "robbery" isn't a case of breaking and entering by thieves. Sometimes the gems are taken by servants of the rich—although Scaffa declares that for the most part servants are honest and trustworthy.

In those instances where the servants were at fault the detective found that prominent families preferred to recover their jewels and dismiss the guilty parties without punishment rather than run the gantlet of newspaper reporters.

Occasionally Scaffa found that the lady or gentleman of the family had temporarily done away with his valuables in order that the insurance company might be duped into paying.

Noel Scaffa Loves Privacy Above All.

In those cases, also, it was easier for suave Mr. Scaffa to use a little high-pressure detective-salesmanship which resulted in the return of the jewels, the dropping of the policy, a lot of blushing and weeping—but no prosecution, no scandal.

Scaffa did excellent work for the larger insurance companies—notably the Federal Insurance Company—gave him a retainer, a sum of money to his annual credit no matter what amount of work he did. Other companies bought his services for a single case. In addition to the retainer and expense moneys, he received a bonus for his duties. But neither Mr. Scaffa nor the insurance companies are ones to tell the size of these retainers and bonuses. In fact, Mr. Scaffa seldom tells anything about himself.

Although he has been prominent in the news for ten years, few know that his father is dead, that he lives up on Crotona Parkway with his mother and school-teaching sister, that he is not interested in women, that he has a stout executive-looking partner named Jack Williams who handles the office management end of the job, that he has sixteen operatives working for him or that he hasn't aged much in ten years. No, Scaffa isn't one to gas about himself or his job.

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SCAFFA stuck in his thumb—and pulled a stone out of his plum pudding. The stone was the Donahue case.

Mrs. Jessie Donahue's jewels, valued at $245,000 and insured for $114,000, disappeared suddenly from her Hotel Plaza apartment on Sept. 30, 1925. Scaffa was called in. On Oct. 6 he met a Sam Layton in the Prince George Hotel. Scaffa had in his pocket $75,000, Mr. Layton had in his pockets the Donahue jewels. Jack Williams had—and still has—residence in that particular hotel.

Scaffa gave Layton $65,000. To this day no one has mentioned what happened to the other $10,000. Layton gave Scaffa the Donahue gems which the detective says he put in his own safe. For seven days he refrained from saying anything about having recovered the gems. He blamed his silence on a precarious police and political situation.

But the police, who suddenly waked up to what had been going on under their noses, howled to high heaven that the elapsed time gave the criminal to get away.

On Oct. 22 Mr. Scaffa was indicted for compounding a felony. A year passed before he was tried. The jury disagreed. Within a few months he was tried again. This time the presiding judge directed a verdict of acquittal. Consequently all data on Scaffa in the Bureau of Criminal Identification was thrown out.

He hadn't been much worried—for the insurance company involved was ready to take care of court expenses—and he lost scarcely a day from work. He's a fiend for it—works day and night and never takes vacations. Never reads a detective story, either.

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BEFORE the Donahue case, he had been responsible for the recovery of an $8,000 ring stolen along with $150,000 worth of other jewels from Mrs. Joshua Cosden. The insurance company had paid the Cosdens $78,000 insurance—Scaffa isn't infallible—before he found the ring in the shop of an unsuspecting and trustworthy jeweler.

He had recovered $33,000 worth of ornaments for Mrs. Stedman Bent of Philadelphia. He said they were thrown into his hotel window by an unknown person.

During the year and a half he was coolly daring District Attorneys Pecora and Unger to try him if they chose, he was called in to hunt for $10,000 worth of jewels taken from the Moses Taylor home; $25,000 worth of gems taken from Mrs. William T. Starr; $35,000 worth from the H. E. Talbott home $275,000 from Mrs. Myron C. Taylor; and $25,000 from H. H. Gibson.

In these cases there is no record of jewels returned.

But during the same period Scaffa met with some success. For a $15,000 reward he returned $100,000 in wares and money to the Van Husen Charles Company of Albany. He found it in two traveling bags checked in a railroad station.

Mrs. Julius Lichtenstein found $38,000 worth of jewels in her bureau drawer a few hours after their disappearance. Mrs. Lichtenstein had the aid of Charles Harrington, a Scaffa operative, in finding her jewels. Scaffa says that many, many gems which frantic owners think are stolen are simply mislaid.

Village of Bronxville reported the disappearance of $36,000 worth of jewels from her bedroom. John J. Walsh, a former employe of Scaffa, helped her find them in a closet of her home. District Attorney Alvin N. Edwards on this occasion was unkind enough to question both Walsh and Scaffa—implying that the Scaffa office had recovered the jewels and that Walsh was assigned to "find them in a closet." Nothing ever came of Mr. Edwards' investigation — except an announcement that Scaffa's methods were above reproach.

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NOW, if you add up this amount of publicized business, you'll see that in the cases just mentioned Scaffa failed to recover $512,000 worth of jewels. However, he was successful in returning $555,000 worth of jewels. It is known that on this $1,067,000 total insurance companies paid $375,000 in insurance and rewards. It gives you an idea of Scaffa's failures and successes. It is said he retrieves about forty per cent. of the stolen goods he goes after. The insurance companies don't complain when he fails. His annual salary is said to be about $20,000.

Cherchez la Femme For Donahue Case.

There is a lot yet to be said about the Donahue case—if Scaffa or those very few others in the know ever care to talk.

For a long time it was reported that the late Jim Donahue lost his wife's jewels as a means of covering his gambling debts. But since Mrs. Donahue was much more than generous to her gay husband, that report seemed a trifle absurd.

It is whispered—nay, spoken aloud—that this was the second time Mrs. Donahue had been shaken down. Sam Layton, the mysterious, was never discovered, although one Jack Carroll, alias Pock-Mark Dillon, declared that he had talked to an Englishman who begged him to help steal the Donahue jewels.

Later, when Carroll was being convicted in New Jersey of a grocery store theft, he said he had made up the story about the Englishman at Scaffa's request to divert the attention of police from the elusive Layton. He added that Scaffa had framed the conviction for the grocery store theft to get Carroll out of the way. Police just laughed and marched Carroll off to Trenton.

As a matter of fact it was a woman with whom Scaffa dealt—a woman who posed as a masseuse and escaped to Paris while Scaffa was holding the jewels.

IT certainly the Donahue case and a former police commissioner taught Scaffa the value of working with the police. The commissioner pointed out to Scaffa that he was an ogre to have crooks arrested as the insurance companies were to have stolen goods recovered.

Scaffa and the insurance companies mended their ways—at least the record shows a greater number of arrests of jewel thieves. Scaffa bent backward to aid the police—not only on jewel jobs but in other cases as well.

With his expanding cote of stool pigeons he was able to supply police with occasional choice bits of important information. In return, when one of his men fell slightly afoul the law, it is said the law just happened to be looking the other way. Favor for favor, you know. There is no doubt that Scaffa's performances have received some protection. There is no doubt either that the private detective has done very valuable service for the police.

It was a Scaffa stool pigeon who turned up enough information to allow the police to arrest Harry Stein for the murder of Vivian Gordon, Broadway butterfly. After Stein was acquitted of that charge, further information from a Scaffa man caused Stein's rearrest, conviction and 25-year sentence on a robbery and attack charge.

No insurance company was interested in the paltry jewels stolen from Miss Gordon.

Among his hirelings Scaffa has a very good name. He pays them fairly for information—some a flat rate, others a percentage of the 10 percent. reward offered by the insurance company involved. He has never been known to violate a confidence of one of these men. That of course is good business. He must protect the sources of his information.

For the most part his informers are reformed old-timers, graduate and honorary members of the rackets who, for one reason or another, are unemployed.

Since 1929, when the late Judge Max Levine directed a jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal in the Donahue case, Scaffa has been working hand in glove with the police. He enjoys picking out a few of them, making them his friends, and throwing his cases in their direction. They make arrests on his gathered information, get credit for good work, and he bows out quietly.

Detective Captain Richard Oliver was one of his favorites. This system of favoritism is perfectly legal and above board and is completely satisfactory to Headquarters.

Very occasionally he'll take a case which has nothing to do with jewels—if it is profitable enough. One of these was for Henry Huddleston Rogers, who chose to have detectives search through the past

Mrs. Kyzie Bortha Braun Miles Rogers he made her the second Mrs. Rogers Sr. He had since divorced her and there is a third Mrs. Rogers.

BUT for the most part Scaffa's business is jewel retrieving. Now let's see how well he's done in the last eight years.

He was called in to recover $100,000 worth of jewels for the James H. Snowdens, $100,000 for Mrs. Delos Blodgett of Washington, D. C.; $250,000 for Sydney Hutchinson of Beverly, Mass.; $200,000 for the Wanamaker stores, $200,000 for Mrs. Isaac Emerson of Baltimore, $200,000 for Mrs. Edgar F. Luckenbach, $50,000 for Mrs. Samuel Yaffa, $75,000 for Mrs. Grafton Minot, $200,000 for Mrs. S. S. Menken, $45,000 for the Elisha Walkers, $45,000 for Mrs. R. J. Anderton, $90,000 for Herbert N. Straus, $10,000 for Mrs. Theresa Noble, $5,000 for Mrs. Elsie Berheim, and $80,000 for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Goldsmith. That, ladies and gentlemen, totals $1,650,000 worth of missing jewels.

Of these it is known that the Emerson, Wanamaker and Luckenbach losses—totaling $600,000—were recovered. Mrs. Luckenbach's were found in a taxi by two boys who got $5,000 reward from the insurance company. Mrs. Maria J. Lalile, the Emerson housekeeper, was caught with theirs, and then was tried and convicted. It is known also that the insurance company paid $95,000 insurance on the Snowden jewels. How much they paid on the others—or what else Scaffa recovered—is not public knowledge.

His eight years of work included some other skillful performances.

Grace Moore's Gems Recovered Without Charge.

In a very cleverly executed coup in which Scaffa and his men worked side by side with the police, six thieves were arrested in the Hotel Commodore in May, 1930, and $1,300,000 worth of jewels belonging to numerous people were recovered. When the insurance company has already paid out insurance on stolen jewels, the recovered jewelry belongs to the company and the former owners must buy it back, if they want it.

That raid resulted in the conviction of the six and an interview with sad-eyed Scaffa on his methods netted a curt:

"I follow the methods of the police."

[illegible] to Scaffa [illegible] caught up with Robert Ray Russell and his $300,000 in stolen goods. They were also able to convict light-fingered Harry Sitomer on Scaffa tips and were able to return $500,000 worth of jewels to the owners. This included a handful of uninsured gems owned by Grace Moore, movie star. Mr. Scaffa is always glad of an opportunity to perform such services at no cost whatsoever. It solidifies his position with the New York police.

In fact it is just possible that his feeling for law and order got him into his present trouble. It has been the habit of insurance companies to pool their rewards, give the money to Scaffa, and allow him to send his agents to the play centers of the rich. Sometimes it is expedient for his boys to pretend they are thieves in order to catch thieves.

In such cases they keep Scaffa informed of impending robberies. He keeps the New York police informed. They allow the robbery to occur in order to catch the thieves red-handed. Frequently, thanks to Scaffa's tips, the local detectives go to far places just to get credit for an arrest.

Scaffa's most recent trouble follows the armed holdup in January of Mrs. J. E. Bell and her friend, Harry Content, in Miami. They were robbed of $246,000 in jewels.

On Feb. 2 Charles Cali was arrested for stealing bicycles. A search of his room revealed one of the stolen jewels. He confessed the robbery and named Nicholas Montone, of New York City. Questioned, Nickey told several conflicting stories. He was taken to Miami from where he wired Scaffa to come at once. Scaffa did—although his aids Charles Harrington and Alfred Formosa were in Miami for the social season at the behest of Florida and New York authorities.

After a private interview with Eugene E. Bryant, chief of Miami Beach detectives, Scaffa had a private conference with Montone. After that Montone and Cali denied knowing each other or ever hearing of each other. Although

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witnesses who had seen the holdup men identified them both.

On March 18 Bryant announced the jewels had been found in peculiar fashion. He had received a call to visit a hotel. Harrington accompanied him. They left their car and entered the hotel, only to find the call was a blind. They returned to their car. There were the Bell-Content jewels in an envelope on the auto seat! The next day Scaffa left for New York.

Montone's case was nolle prossed. Cali's was reduced to robbery unarmed, although witnesses said he flourished a gun. Armed robbery is punishable by life imprisonment in Florida.

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AFTER that agents for J. Edgar Hoover discovered that Scaffa had given Bryant the key to a lock box in which the jewels were found. The discovery story was a hoax.

All Depends on Hoover's Findings.

Hoover is trying to learn whether Montone took the jewels to New York, claimed his share of the insurance reward, and allowed Scaffa to return the jewels to Florida. Scaffa denies this. If he can be indicted and convicted he is subject to punishment under the National Stolen Property Act which punishes all guilty of interstate transportation of stolen property.

Florida justice works fast and doesn't understand New York ways. Montone was rearrested, tried and convicted. Cali was convicted on another charge. Bryant, who has resigned his post, and two aids will have their day in court tomorrow to tell whether or not they split any insurance reward money with Scaffa and the holdup men. Montone and Cali will also tell their stories.

The New York police are sorry to see their old friend Noel Scaffa in trouble. They say his work is legitimate. The insurance companies are sorry too. Scaffa, who has been doing more talking recently than is his wont (because a grand jury asked him to), is sorriest of all.

For Mr. Scaffa is a home-lover, after all.



Henry Huddleston Rogers and his second wife; the former Mrs. Basil Miles, look pretty happy here. But Mrs. Miles Rogers, late divorced from the oil millionaire, didn't know that before the wedding Rogers hired Noel Scaffa to delve into her past.





Mickey Montone



Eugene Bryant



Charles Cali

Who and if this trio begins to talk about the ways of fewel thieves and detectives, Scaffa hopes his name won't be mentioned.

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FLORIDA LAWYER QUIZZED IN SCAFFA GEM INQUIR

Ben Cohen, Florida attorney, today appeared before the Federal Grand Jury investigating the mysterious return by Noel Scaffa, private investigator, of $185,000 in gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, New York society woman, in Miami two months ago.

Cohen was attorney for Charles Call and Michael Montone, who were convicted of robbing Harry Content, companion of Mrs. Bell. Clarence Harringdon, Miami representative of Scaffa, followed Cohen to the jury room.

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Raffles to Bare "Fence"

By ARTHUR MEFFORD.

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One of 5th Ave.'s biggest jewelry dealers will be named as an ordinary jewel "fence" by Harry Sitamore, society Raffles, when he



MRS. JESSIE P. DONAHUE
After returning her $750,000 necklace, Scaffa became famous

is brought here to testify against Noel Scaffa, famous insurance company detective, before the Fed-

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from the coffers of the idle rich.

Meanwhile, as the presentation of evidence against Scaffa, continued before the Federal Grand Jury, it was learned that Fifth Avenue and the underworld will mingle in startling array, both for and against Scaffa, in event the famous jewel recoverer is forced to stand on charges of conspiracy.

The Government is seeking the indictment of Scaffa in connection with his recent mysterious return of the jewels of Mrs. Margaret Bell, pretty society matron, who was held up and robbed in Miami last Winter while in the company of Harry Content, millionaire Wall Street stockbroker.

Scaffa, who became a world celebrity a decade ago, through the similar return of the $750,000 pearl necklace of Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue, heiress to the Woolworth 5-and10-cent store millions, has become the central figure in a looming gem-theft ring expose which threatens to rock the nation.

Sitamore, hopeful of obtaining leniency — possibly a pardon — in return for his "squealing," has volunteered to tell all he knows of the jewel "racket," including many hitherto undisclosed facts surrounding Scaffa's long successful underworld negotiations for the return of stolen gems.

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eral Grand Jury, it was revealed yesterday.

The concern, already named by Sitamore, who is now serving 40 years on Florida's dreaded chain gang for the robbery of Grace Moore, opera singer, in a series of letters turned over to Federal investigators, cleared much of the notorious jewel thief's $15,000,000 loot through its legitimate channels.

Furthermore, Sitamore, according to a New York associate upon whom he has designated power of attorney, has volunteered to name a dozen other millionaire "fences" upon whom he had to depend when in the heydey of his nefarious career.

Copies of these letters, smuggled out of Raibofn State Prison in Florida, where the "master" jewel thief is now serving what is tantamount to a life term with a heavy ball and chain affixed to his leg, are in the possession of the Daily Mirror, but are withheld from publication at the government's request.

Sitamore, according to his agent, is ready to name high public officials, here, in Florida and New Jersey, as well police officers and politicians who grafted much of his loot when he was building up a huge cache of world-famous gems from the coffers of the idle rich.

Meanwhile, as the presentation of evidence against Scaffa, continued before the Federal Grand Jury, it was learned that Fifth Avenue and the underworld will mingle in startling array, both for and against Scaffa, in event the famous jewel recoverer is forced to stand on charges of conspiracy.

The Government is seeking the indictment of Scaffa in connection with his recent mysterious return of the jewels of Mrs. Margaret Bell, pretty society matron, who was held up and robbed in Miami last Winter while in the company of Harry Content, millionaire Wall Street stockbroker.

Scaffa, who became a world celebrity a decade ago, through the similar return of the $750,000 pearl necklace of Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue, heiress to the Woolworth 5-and10-cent store millions, has become the central figure in a looming gem-theft ring expose which threatens to rock the nation.

Sitamore, hopeful of obtaining leniency — possibly a pardon — in return for his "squealing," has volunteered to tell all he knows of the jewel "racket," including many hitherto undisclosed facts surrounding Scaffa's long successful underworld negotiations for the return of stolen gems.

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SCAFFA JURY HEARS 2

FLORIDA OFFICIALS AT GEM INQUIRY

Two more witnesses from Florida were heard yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury investigating the recovery of $185,000 in jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer, in Miami last Winter.

The witnesses were Solicitor Fred W. Pine and his aide, Jack Kehoe, of Dade County, Fla., where Nicholas Montone, Brooklyn hoodlum, and Charles Cali were convicted of the robbery last week. Pine professed afterward to have been unable to help the jury much because, he said, he knew little about the return of the gems.

It was learned, however, that the jury has not finished with either of the prosecutors. Both are under subpoena to appear again this morning. They are Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Montone and Cali, and Clarence Harrington, Florida representative of Noel C. Scaffa. Scaffa, private detective, noted for successes in retrieving stolen gems, has been before the jury twice.

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U. S. PLANS TO FIGHT JEWEL AND BOND RECOVERY RACKETS

Washington, D. C., April 28.—(AP)—Now that the big-time kidnaping syndicates have been smashed, the justice department's federal bureau of investigation is setting out to break up another type of ransom racket—the "recovery" of stolen jewels, bonds and other valuables in return for a reward and promises of immunity from prosecution.

In New York on Monday the government will summon before a special grand jury a group of Miami police and prosecution officials, private detectives, and convicted jewel robbers.

The grand jury will inquire into evidence in connection with the theft of $300,000 in jewels from a woman at a Florida resort last January.

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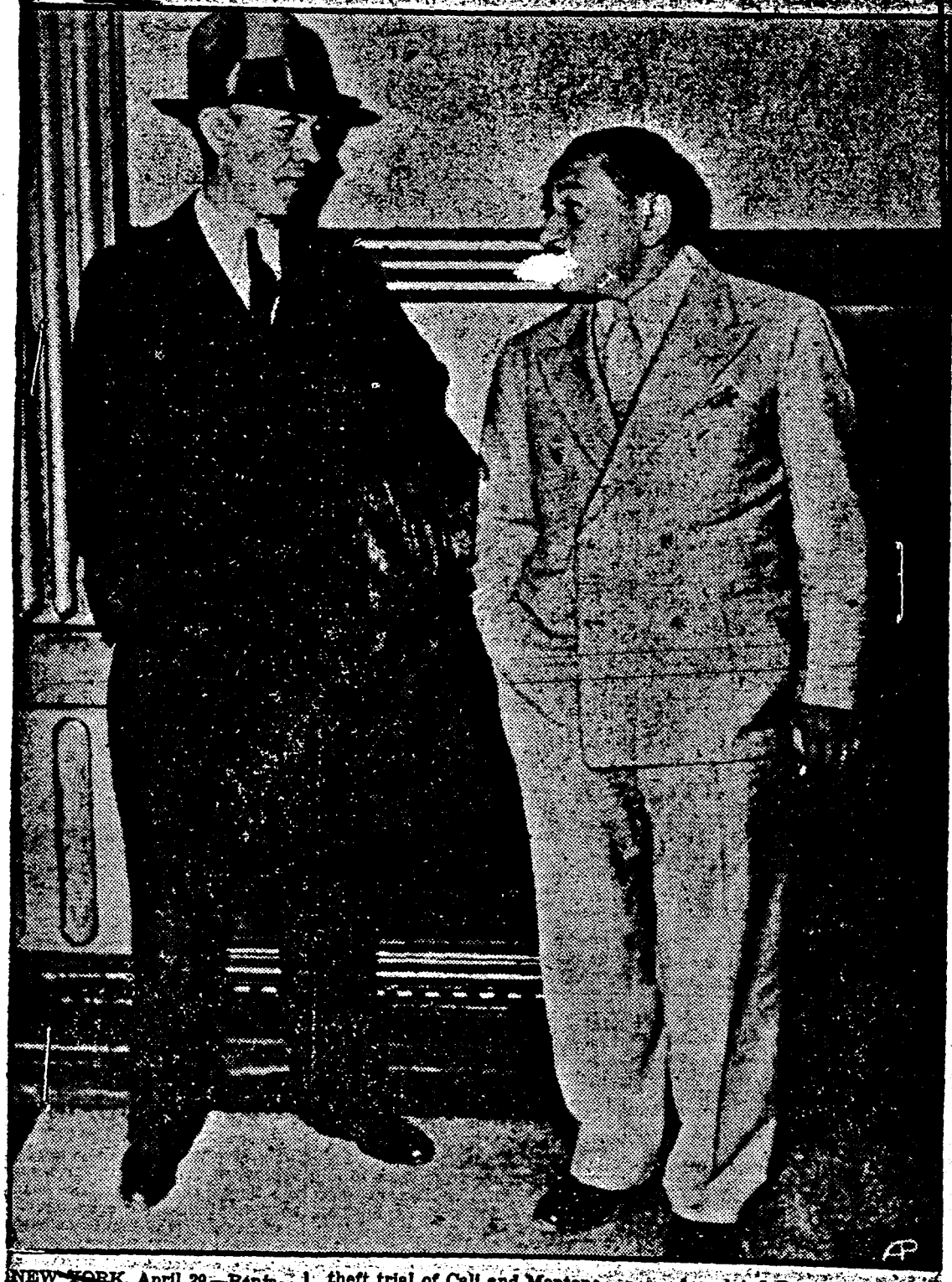
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COHEN WAITS TO APPEAR BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY



NEW YORK, April 29.—Benjamin Cohen, right, chief defense counsel in the Miami jewel theft trial of Cali and Montone, shown today conversing with Francis P. Malone of the Miami Daily News as the attorney —Associated Press Wirephoto awaits a call before the grand jury investigating a jewel theft ring.

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—Associated Press Wirephoto

NEW YORK, April 29.—Eugene F. Bryant, right, who resigned last week as chief of detectives in Miami, and Clarence Harrington, Miami representative of Private Detective Noel Scaffa of New York, ace jewel recoverer, as they appeared today at federal building to testify before U. S. grand jury.

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GEM

FOUR OF FIVE MIAMIANS FACE FEDERAL ACTION

Bryant Gives Testimony in Biltmore Theft Before New York Jury

By FRANCIS P. MALONE
(Daily News Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, April 29.—Indictments against at least four of the five Dade countians summoned before the federal grand jury here today are probable, Special Assistant U. S. Attorney General Frank W. H. Adams told newspapermen at 2 p. m. today when he emerged from the grand jury room. The federal panel had just listened more than an hour to Eugene Bryant, resigned Miami Beach detective chief, recite his story of the mysterious return of the $185,000 worth of gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret H. Bell in the Miami Biltmore hotel Jan. [illegible]

SCAFFA EXPLAINS

NEW YORK, April 29.—(AP)—Noel C. Scaffa, detective, today said he had appeared at the office of a deputy state license commissioner to explain his failure to answer a subpena to appear at the trial of Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali. Scaffa's action came in response to a telegram from George E. Worley, special prosecutor at the Miami trial, to Edward J. Flynn, New York secretary of state, suggesting possible revocation of Scaffa's license. Scaffa said he told the license department he was under grand jury subpena here and hence ignored the Miami summons.

[illegible] will continue his testimony probably tomorrow, t[illegible]

The government, Adams said, might ask for indictments on three grounds. He did not specify them, nor did he name the men he said were likely to fell the effect of federal warrants.

The indictments Adams said the grand jury might return need not confine themselves to the transportation of the stolen jewels. "If any group of persons conspire to violate the laws of the United States," Adams said, "they can be indicted and this jury can indict them."

Adams' statement followed a lengthy questioning by the grand jury of Bryant. While Bryant told the federal panel the true story of finding the gems in a lock box at a Miami bus depot after the key to the box had been given him by Noel Scaffa. Fred W. Pine, county solicitor; his assistant, Jack Kehoe; Benjamin Cohen, Miami attorney for Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, and Clarence Harrington, Miami representative of Scaffa, sat on hard drop benches in the antechamber of the grand jury room.

"Scaffa said: 'Benny, did you get your dough for defending these guys?' I said I never got a dime, and he turned to Gene Bryant and said: 'Gene, see that Benny gets two grand.'

"I'm going to tell this grand jury everything I know about the case. I'm not going to be anybody's goat."

Cohen was talking to the writer outside the federal grand jury room in New York this morning.

Mr. Cohen doesn't feel too well this morning. He says the winein[illegible]

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Cohen is only one [illegible] quintet from Dade county [illegible] telling what it will of the [illegible] $15,000 reward "divvy" that [illegible] follow the "finding" of the [illegible]ret H. Bell jewels insured [illegible]000 and stolen from the [illegible] hotel in Coral Gables Jan. [illegible]

Fred W. Pine, Dade county [illegible]licitor; his assistant, Jack [illegible] Eugene Bryan[illegible] case, [illegible] detectives at Miami Beach [illegible] Clarence Harrington, Miami [illegible]sentative of Noel Scaffa, New York [illegible] private detective, were sitting in the ante-chamber of the grand jury room waiting to be called.

Earlier predications they were going to be allowed to "sweat" seemed to be justified.

Pine would not talk. He told the writer that anything he had to say would be said to the grand jury. Kehoe, morose, was equally uncommunicative.

Harrington talked long enough to say: "Get away from me. The blank blank Daily News has done enough damage to me now." The dolorous quintet arrived at the entrance to the grand jury room to the boom of the flashlight bulbs of photographers from every newspaper in New York.

The crack reporters of the New York papers are "on the story." They tell you that this story is far bigger than one imagines. One veteran crime reporter says: "Every jewel stolen in the country between Oct. 1 and April 1 is 'fenced' to Miami. This grand jury will prove it to you."

Jack Smith, who used to be "warden" of that institute former Sheriff Henry Chase called a jail, is warden of the federal detention house in New York. He's outside the grand jury room. Why he is there he doesn't know. He has orders to come. "They wouldn't bring me up here unless there were going to be prisoners to take back," he says.

Martin Conboy, federal district attorney for Manhattan, disqualified himself in the inquiry this morning. He once had Scaffa as a client. Frank W. H. Adams, his first assistant, was named to act in his place. For the occasion the title of special assistant to the attorney general of the United States was given Adams.

John M. Keith special agent in charge of the federal bureau of investigation, U. S. department of justice, Washington, came into the grand jury room shortly after 10 a. m. He was still clutching tightly the brown brief case that was his constant tag of identification while in Miami investigating the jewel case.

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day was problematical. The government agents who prepared the case are inclined to let him "sweat" in the belief the Dade county solicitor will be more inclined to talk when he is finally called.

Bryant will perhaps be the first to face the grand jury. It is expected his story will pave the way for the inquisition of the others.

The five men were called to New York by the federal government under the power given it by a recent act of congress which makes it a federal criminal offense to transport from one state to another stolen property valued at more than $500.

Whether Noel Scaffa, New York private detective, whose ability to "find" jewels has more than once before called him to the unfavorable attention of law enforcement officials, will again be called to testify was being considered by federal district attorneys directing the inquiry.

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"IT WAS A GREAT SURPRISE TO ME"



Benjamin Cohen is on his way to testify before the Federal Grand Jury investigating an alleged plot to divide the reward for recovery of $185,000 in jewels stolen in Florida. Mr. Cohen, counsel for the convicted robbers, denied any knowledge of any conspiracy.

Gem Charge Imperils Scaffa License Here

Florida Prosecutor Says Detective Ignored Subpena—Robbers' Lawyer Denies Part in Reward Conspiracy

A complaint that may result in the cancellation of Noel C. Scaffa's license as a private detective was received today by Abraham S. Wechsler, head of the New York State Division of Licenses.

G. A. Worley, special prosecutor in Dade County, Fla., was the complainant.

He charged that Scaffa ignored a subpena for the trial of Charles Call and Nicholas Montana, Brooklyn thugs, who were convicted last week in Miami Beach, Fla., for armed robbery in the holdup of the socially prominent Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell and Harry Content, New York broker.

Must Explain Absence

Mr. Wechsler announced that Scaffa will be asked to explain his non-appearance at the trial.

The Department of Justice and the Federal Grand Jury here are investigating Scaffa's participation in the return of the jewels insured for $185,000, to Mrs. Bell.

Conspiracy to obstruct justice has

GEM CASE PERILS SCAFFA'S LICENSE

Florida Prosecutor Says Detective Ignored Subpena—Inquiry Reopens

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conspiracy came as a great surprise to me," he said.

He also said he would testify that, Scaffa personally guaranteed him a $1,000 fee for representing Call at the time Call pleaded guilty in robbery unarmed after he had been indicted for robbery while armed.

"On March 18 Scaffa said to me as we left the office of Fred Pine 'Did you get your fee yet?'" Mr. Cohen said.

Hasn't Got Fee Yet

"I said: 'No I haven't.'"

"Scaffa turned to Eugene Bryant and said: 'Gene, see that Benny gets $2,000.'"

But he hasn't got it yet, Mr. Cohen said. He added that he will make demands on Scaffa for the fee and, "if necessary, file suit."

Montone and Call are at Miami awaiting sentence for the robbery.

Under the original agreement dividing the reward, Montone was to get free and Call, for an unnamed consideration, was to plead guilty to robbery unarmed and serve eight years in prison.

The alleged conspiracy was thwarted by the activity of Federal agents and Montone and Call were subsequently indicted for the armed robbery of Mr. Content.

Mr. Adams, it was said, will present evidence to the Grand Jury that Scaffa gave Chief Bryant the key to a railway station locker, where he later recovered the jewels.

The reward was never paid.

Shortly after Bryant was called into the jury room, Isadore Bregoff, attorney for Scaffa and Harrington, [illegible] into the anteroom and conferred closely with the other witnesses from Miami.

Scaffa "ready to [illegible]" an hour later Scaffa appeared on the scene. He remained for a short time, [illegible] then he held a long and [illegible] conversation with Attorney Bregoff. Scaffa explained that he [illegible] appear before the Federal Grand Jury, but in view of having himself fingerprinted, he, render any assistance that may [illegible] him.

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Concerning the complaint filed with the State License Department from Florida, he said that [illegible] was served with the [illegible] subpena, he already was under subpena to appear before the Federal Grand Jury.

"However, I consulted with Mr. Bregoff, who said he did not believe my testimony was needed by the State of Florida," Scaffa said.

"Further, he informed me that if Florida needed my testimony the authorities there could find ways, by due process of law, to secure it.

"In addition, Mr. Bregoff told me he believed Florida authorities had an ulterior motive in wanting to get me into the State.

"I'll be glad to explain the circumstances to Mr. Wechsler."

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Secret Pits May Reveal Bodies of 3

(Special Dispatch to the Daily Mirror)

PROV[illegible], R. I., April 29.—A [illegible] half-dozen socially prominent Boston families were marked for kidnaping and extortion plots by the crime syndicate whose mansion fortress at Warwick, R. I., were smashed, yesterday, it was revealed today. The mass kidnap plan included the victimizing of 11 New York families and one in Maine, also.

Charred bones, believed to be those of a murdered gangster, and a metal box containing $10,000 in paper currency were found today by Federal agents and relief workers digging up the grounds of the mansion.

While workers were demolishing the crime mansion, with its secret passages and sinister dungeons, believed to hold many a gruesome secret, Federal agents studied evidence of the kidnap plot already found there.

They had a Boston social register



Federal agents inspecting one end of a secret vault found in 25-room mansion at Warwick, R. I., where a crime trust made its headquarters, police believe.

for 1933-34, in which the gangsters had carefully checked the names of wealthy and socially prominent residents of both the north and south shores.

They had the New York social register for 1933, in which 11 names had been similarly checked, and a Maine blue book with one name marked.

There were carefully drawn maps or charts of three of the estates on which it is believed the

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By ARTHUR MEEP[illegible]

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NOEL SCAFFA [illegible]

Will Harry Sitamore slip over [illegible] apple cart?

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Here to Blast Open Scaffa's Story



Fred W. Pine. *Benjamin Cohen.* *Clarence Harrington.*

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Consequently, a high Federal official revealed yesterday that the current grand jury action likely will reveal the secret hiding places of millions in stolen jewels; expose political "fronts" for the gem thieves reaching itno high places, and furnish the solution of more than a score of world-famous robberies.

Sitamore's decision to withhold nothing of the powers-that-be; those that made it possible for him to carry on his nefarious trade with virtual immunity for more than 10 years; and to name New York, New Jersey and Florida of-



HARRY SITAMORE.
If he talks about Noel Scaffa, he'll rock the nation.

ficials to whom he paid millions in bribes and graft, was uncovered in a series of letts smuggled out of Raiford Prison, in Florida, and seized by Federal agents, it was learned.

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To compete you have to have magic paper. Ten sheets of it, cut in comic-strip size, will be sent to you upon request and a 2-cent [illegible]

Police said Carl Bettich once faced a murder charge at Union City, N. J.

CRIME-PLOT MAP OUTDOES FICTION

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CRIME SYNDICATE

Pits in Syndicate's Fort May Hold Bodies of Three Men

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gang intended to descend and snatch children or other persons for whom huge ransom could be demanded.

There were many other revelations and developments, which kept scores of Federal operatives, postal inspectors, State and city detectives busy unearthing new evidence.

The money and bones were found a half hour after Carl Rettich, accused by sleuths as the master-mind of a powerful and desperate dope and extortion gang, surrendered to postal inspectors at the Federal Building here. He denied he was guilty of mail truck robberies and other charges.

Scrapings from the walls in the sub-cellar of the mansion were subjected to a chemical test by Dr. Lester A. Round, State toxicologist who asserted tonight that there were strong evidences of human blood.

"CRIME CASTLE" YIELDS BONES.

The cash box of the gang was found under flagstones forming a walk between the "Crime Castle" and the garage. Beside the box was a small sugar bak willed with nickels. The bones were found under the porch. The digging was begun in a search for the body of Danny Walsh, missing gangster believed slain by his pals.

The find stirred officials to fresh activity and they said they may demolish the house and dig up every inch of space. More money and the bodies of at least three other missing gangsters are being sought.

Rettich, suspected as the gang leader, will be arraigned tomorrow. He will plead not guilty to a charge of conspiracy to rob the United States mails, and bail will be fixed at $100,000, it was said. Rettich, accompanied by his attorney, Joseph E. Fitzpatrick, surrendered to Postal Inspector Frank Shay in New York this morning, and was brought to Providence.

In the Federal Building, Fitzpatrick collapsed from a heart attack, and his partner, Mortimer W. Newton, took charge of Rettich's defense. Rettich was questioned for hours this afternoon.

Rettich had been sought since the killing of Andrew Merola near Wrentham, Mass., and the discovery of suspected mail loot in the Warwick Neck Mansion.

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To compete you have to have magic paper. Ten sheets of it, cut in comic-strip size, will be sent to you upon request and a 2-cent [illegible] opened a dress shoppe, promote to the [illegible] gave her.

Police said Carl Rettich once faced a murder charge at Union City, N. J.

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Sitamore Being Brought Here Says He'll 'Tell All'

By ARTHUR MEFFORD

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Harry Sitamore, the world's slickest jewel thief, the Society Raffles who stole more than $15,000,000 in gems from the arbiters of New York's famous "Four Hundred" during his career, and the mystery man of the celebrated Dot King murder case, is being brought here by the Federal Government to tell what he knows about Noel Scaffa.

Scaffa, who became world-famous through his sensational recovery of the $700,000 pearl necklace stolen from Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue, heiress to the Woolworth 5-and-10-cent-store millions, a decade ago, is now faced with possible indictment for conspiracy, growing out of his recent activities in a similar case.

Sitamore, now serving 40 years on Florida's chain gang for the $80,000 gem robbery of Grace Moore, the opera singer, and that of Mrs. Bertha Keller, relative of Mrs. Harry Glemby, herself the victim of another big jewel theft ring, has promised to "tell everything."

EXPECTED TO REVEAL MANY SECRETS

Consequently, a high Federal official revealed yesterday that the current grand jury action likely will reveal the secret hiding places of millions in stolen jewels; expose political "fronts" for the gem thieves reaching into high places, and furnish the solution of more than a score of world-famous robberies.

Sitamore's decision to withhold nothing of the powers-that-be; those that made it possible for him to carry on his nefarious trade with virtual immunity for more than 10 years; and to name New York, New Jersey and Florida officials to whom he paid millions in bribes and graft, was uncovered in a series of letters smuggled out of Raiford Prison, in Florida, and seized by Federal agents, it was learned.

So important does the Government consider the seizure, that J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation, immediately took personal

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NOEL SCAFFA.

Will Harry Sitamore tip over his apple cart?

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Fred W. Pine. Benjamin Cohen. Clarence Harrington.

Flown here by Uncle Sam to tell what they know about Noel Scaffa were: Fred W. Pine, Dade County, Fla., prosecutor; Clarence Harrington, the assistant of the most mysterious Scaffa, and Benjamin Cohen, slick Miami attorney. Cohen boomed: "I'm not going to be the goat. I'll talk."

charge of the case, rushing several Federal agents to Raiford by plane for a personal interview with the notorious convict.

EXPECT SENSATION IN DISCLOSURES

"Sitamore's disclosures, if he make them, will rock the nation," said one high Government official. "He knows about everything there is to know various politic-robbery rings, and we are confident he really intends to spill the beans."

Scaffa himself seemed deeply perturbed as he nervously paced the corridors outside the Federal Grand Jury rooms in the Old Post Office buildnig yesterday.

He was not under subpoena, although five others, including Gene Bryant, former chief of de-



HARRY SITAMORE.
If he talks about Noel Scaffa, he'll "rock the nation!"

tectives, of Miami, Fla., with whom he worked in the recent recovery of jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, wealthy New York society leader there, were flown here by the Government to testify.

The other four were Fred W. Pine, Dade County, Fla., prosecutor; his assistant, Jack Kehoe; Clarence Harrington, Scaffa's Miami assistant in the operation of his jewel company insurance investigating business, and Benjamin Cohen, Miami attorney for "Little Nicky" Montone, and Charles Cali, who confessed to the Bell rebbery.

BRYANT BEFORE GRAND JURY

Bryant was the only witness of the day before the Federal Grand Jury. He was questioned for more than two hours by Special Assistant U. S. Attorney-General Frank Adams, and was believed to have told the same story he related in Miami a few days before his resignation from the police department a week ago.

At that time he freely discussed the "whacking" of $15,000 with Scaffa and others, the money being paid out by one of the insurancefirms he represented in under-

world negotiations for the return of Mrs. Bell's jewels.

Cohen, the attorney for Montone and Cali, the actual thieves, indicated he would tell "plenty" when he appears before the Grand Jury today.

REFUSES TO BE THE GOAT

"I am not going to be the goat for anybody," he declared loudly to a group of reporters. "I will tell everything I know."

"When Scaffa arrived in Miami on March 18, I met him. Scaffa said to me: 'Did you get your dough for defending those guys?' I told him: 'Not a cent.' Scaffa then turned to Gene Bryant and said: 'See that he gets two grand ($2,000).'"

Sitamore, in some of the letters which he attempted to smuggle out to a friend, made sensational charges against the warden of the prison where he is confined, against Judge E. C. Collins of Dade County Criminal Court, who gave him his 40-year-sentence, and against certain other public officials whom he charged, had double-crossed him.

Mayor Frank Katzentine, of Miami Beach, who was a constant golfing companion of the notorious jewel theif prior to his expose as the "master mind" behind most of the big gem robberies of recent years, is known to have promised Sitamore a two to five-year sentence in exchange for his return of almost $500,000 in stolen jewels. This was admitted in open court.

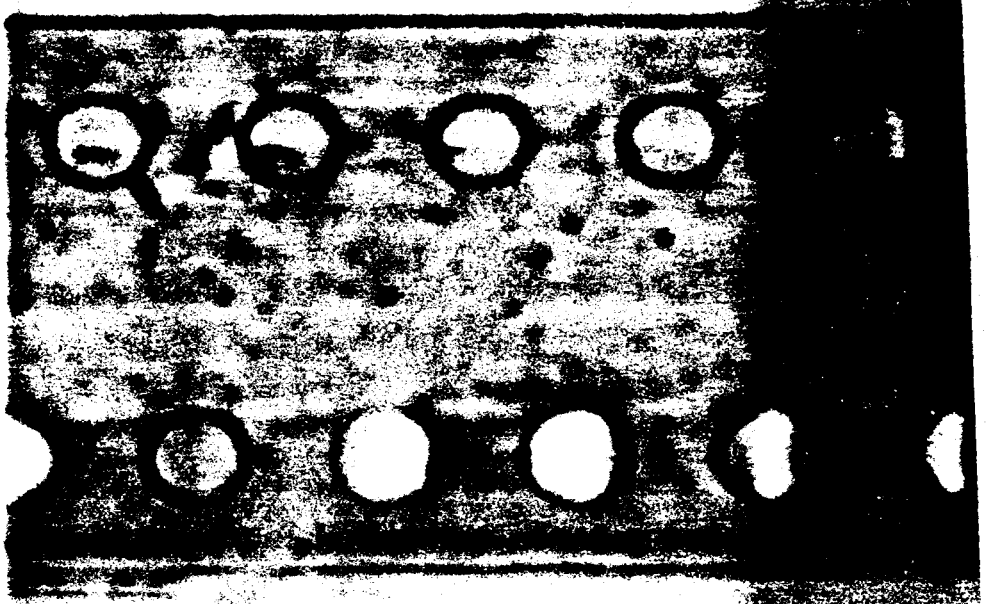
Judge Collins, who was indicted last Winter for alleged irregularities in the conduct of his court, according to the seized Sitamore letters, agreed to this short sentence.

Local Federal agents declined to discuss the case, referring all inquires to their chieftain, Hoover, in Washington.

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BY HENRY SENBER
(Tribune Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, April 29.—The secret deals between jewel thieves, high state officials of New York, New Jersey and Florida, and professional jewel "recoverers," are due to be ripped wide open within the next few days, it was learned tonight. Department of Justice officials, a copyrighted story in Tuesday's New York Daily Mirror will say, are prepared to bring Harry Sitamore, society Raffles, from his cell in a Florida penitentiary to testify before the federal grand jury now investigating the mysterious return of the $246,300 worth of jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell at the Miami Biltmore hotel on January 26.

Gene Bryant, dismissed Miami Beach chief of detectives, who figured prominently in the "recovery" of the jewels stolen by

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Sitamore from Grace Moore and Mrs. Bertha Keller and also those stolen from Mrs. Bell by Little Nickey Montone and Charles Cali, had just left the grand jury room, where he underwent a terrific grilling, when a "high federal official" announced that Sitamore also was expected to testify.

Four men from Miami face indictment by the grand jury for complicity in the plot surrounding the "recovery" of Mrs. Bell's jewels, Special Assistant U. S. Attorney General Frank W. H. Adams said as Bryant, haggard and worn from his questioning, emerged from the grand jury room.

Three of the four Miami men, now in New York also awaiting their turn to testify, are Fred Pine, county vindicator; Jack Kehoe, his assistant; and Benny Cohen, attorney for Montone and Cali.

With them is Louis Schwartz, professional bondsman now awaiting trial on federal charges of evading income tax payments and also under six indictments in Dade county, four of which charge obtaining money or property under false pretenses.

This strangely assorted party of bedfellows, Pine and Kehoe, the vindicators who, if things were different, would have to prosecute Schwartz at some future date; Cohen, the attorney representing the two criminals who should have been prosecuted by Pine, but who were partly "vindicated" in approved county vindicator fashion before the federal government stepped in and asked for a new deal, and Schwartz, whose fine Italian hand has been poked into a dozen messy pies, all drove up to New York together.

The night before they were called to the grand jury some of them spent in a round of Broadway and East Side hot spots, with the result that Cohen, at least, had a terrific pain in his stomach today.

While Bryant underwent a terrific grilling by the federal grand jury today, telling his story of the now notorious "fix" in the return of the jewels, a story that involved Pine, Kehoe, Cohen, Noel C. Scaffa and Clarence Harrington, Scaffa's Miami man, the others cooled their heels in the anteroom.

They sat for hours in the room that has heard the echoes of the nervous footsteps of the late Legs Diamond, Waxey Gordon, Dutch Schultz and other notorious racketeers.

Bryant has told all. He may not be called again. Adams said.

Adams also intimated that the pending indictments will be returned under the charge of conspiracy. Under the law against conspiracy, Adams explained, any person who violates any law of the United States or assists in the violation or agrees to defraud the government is guilty of conspiracy.

"And there is no such thing as an accomplice, all parties involved in a conspiracy are guilty as principals," he added significantly.

Adams said it was within the grand jury's province to return indictments, irrespective of who was actually responsible for transporting the stolen jewels from Florida to any other state.

But the news that the Sitamore case was about to be broken wide open almost overshadowed what actually happened behind the closed doors of the grand jury room.

Sitamore is serving a 40-year sentence in the Raiford penitentiary in Florida, and he has promised to tell everything he knows, the Mirror's story will say.

He, too, will involve Noel Scaffa, the mysterious insurance detective who always recovers the stolen jewels but never finds the thieves.

The convict's sudden willingness to talk was revealed in some letters smuggled out of Raiford, but intercepted by federal agents. These letters are understood to involve charges against "Take-it-on-the-lam" ex-Judge E. C. Collins, erstwhile of Miami, who handed him the 40-year rap, as well as certain other county officials, who, he said, double-crossed him, according to the Mirror.

The warden at Raiford, it is charged, is also involved. Sitamore, it is understood, made a dicker with Dade county officials, similar to the "fix" made by Scaffa in the office of County Vindicator Fred Pine in connection with the Bell jewels, whereby he was to be let off with a sentence of from two to five years in exchange for the return of stolen jewels worth approximately $500,000. Instead he was handed the 40-year jolt and now is ready to squeal on everyone who had anything to do with sending him to the penitentiary.

It is likely that his disclosures will reveal the secret hiding places of millions of dollars worth of stolen jewels, expose political fronts for the gem thieves and will furnish the solution of more than a score of hitherto unsolved jewel robberies.

The name of A. Frank Katzentine, former mayor of Miami Beach, who held office at the time Sitamore was arrested, was injected into the picture when Sitamore, in his letter, charged that Katzentine agreed to have him receive the comparatively light sentence of from two to five years and that a deal was made with Judge Collins to this effect.

In Miami tonight, when informed of this charge Katzentine entered an emphatic denial. He said that the only conversations he had with Sitamore were in the presence of Steve Hannagan, then publicity director of Miami Beach, Gene Bryant, Lieut. Mickey McNamara and Tom Fitzgerald, the two New York detectives, furnished by Police Commissioner Mulrooney to down the jewel thief, who actually effected his arrest, and other detectives.

All the conversations were recorded by a court stenographer and while Sitamore was promised that an effort would be made to do the best that could be done for him if he divulged the hiding place of the jewels, no definite promise of clemency was made.

Scaffa, the phenomenal jewel "recoverer," who has already done his "explaining" to the grand jurors, was very much in evidence around the federal building corridors today, even though he was not under subpoena.

He was accompanied by his attorney, Isadore Bregoff and by Bennie Cohen. He said he had appeared before one of Secretary of State Edward Flynn's deputies in answer to a complaint filed with Flynn by George A. Worley, Jr., of Miami, special prosecutor of Montone and Cali, that he, Scaffa, had failed to answer the Florida subpoena to testify at the trial of the two mobsters.

He said that a subpoena demanding his presence before the federal grand jury here had prevented his going to Miami. This statement was false on its face for

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It was not until he had refused to go to Miami that the federal summons was served on him.

Acting on instructions from Worley, New York police informed Scaffa considerably in advance of the Montone-Cali trial that his presence was required in Miami and that his expenses would be defrayed.

At that time Scaffa said he would go to Miami to testify and that he would pay his own expenses. The federal officials thereupon released him from their subpoena so that he could go.

When they learned that he had no intention of leaving New York they again subpoenaed him and as soon as word was relayed to them that Bryant had confessed to his share in the hoax regarding the recovery of the jewels and that Scaffa was implicated, the detective was rushed before the grand jury before any further story could be concocted.

The federal men played a waiting game on Pine and Kehoe today. They kept them waiting —waiting and not knowing just what was going to break—for hours in the anteroom of the grand jury room.

Pine hid his nervousness behind a poker face, chatting only infrequently with his associates, and for the most part, staring blankly into space.

Kehoe, a hulking figure in a blue suit, perched himself on the end of a long bench, puffing away at cigarette after cigarette. He smoked each one less than half through before he discarded it and lit another.

Cohen, dapper and agreeable as always, appeared the least concerned of all about the outcome of the investigation. He was much more concerned about the pain coming from what he said was the rotten wine he drank the previous evening.

Louis Schwartz was not in attendance at the federal building,

though he is registered at the Empire hotel along with the others.

Cohen's statements regarding the now notorious "recovery" of the Bell jewels, were a trifle ambiguous. Reporters from all New York newspapers and even the European agencies which supply the London Times, London Sketch, Paris Figaro were in on the story.

To one group Cohen said that he had not known of Scaffa's arrival in Miami until after the detective had seen Montone in the Dade county jail and talked with the dapper little crook.

To another group he said that when Scaffa arrived in the Florida resort he met him and the following conversation took place:

Scaffa: "Did you get your dough for defending these two guys?"

Cohen: "Not a cent."

Scaffa, to Bryant who was also present: "See that Benny gets two grand."

Cohen said that he was going to tell the grand jury all he knew about the case.

"I'm not going to be the goat for anybody," he said.

Harrington, the notorious "Under your coat," Harrington, appeared the most uneasy. When asked by the TRIBUNE staff correspondent to pose for a photograph he growled:

"Keep away from me, will you, you guys down in Miami have done harm enough to me already."

Just what Bryant told the grand jurors is known only to themselves but it is generally understood he gave in detail the story he sketched in fragments on the witness stand during the trial of Montone and Cali last week.

Department of justice agents received additional valuable information from their men in Miami today, it was learned. Montone was questioned at length by several of the men still in Miami and it is still possible the little crook may be brought here to testify.

While it is not thought he knows a great deal about the inception of the plot to steal Mrs. Bell's jewels nor the negotiations that went on before they were brought back to Miami, he does know who engaged him to pull the job and he can name the man to whom he turned over the gems.

New York detectives as well as the "G" men are fairly confident they know who hired Montone to turn the trick. In fact, it is generally believed they have enough evidence now to warrant his arrest

and conviction but, as in all federal cases, they prefer having an open and shut case before they go to bat.

The same thing applies to the individual to whom the jewels were given when Montone made his hurried flight to New York and checked in at the expensive Warwick hotel instead of the Victoria, a hotel more in keeping with his Broadway associates.

Still, if Montone cares to open up, it will make the evidence against these men so much more conclusive and will also pave the way for a still more complete chain to bind Scaffa, Pine and the others.

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MIAMIANS BEFORE JURY IN JEWEL THEFT QUERY



By FRANCIS F. MALONEY
County News Staff Writer

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PINE IS DEPRESSED

Three Days More Will Be Required to Complete Questioning

By FRANCIS F. MALONE
(Daily News Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, April 30.—It will take at least three days more to complete questioning of County Solicitor Fred W. Pine, Eugene Bryant, deposed chief of detectives at Miami Beach; Jack Kahoe, Pine's assistant; Attorney Benjamin Cohen and Clarence Harrington, Miami representatives of Tony Scaffa, gem "finder" extraordinary; Frank W. H. Adams, special assistant to U. S. Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, said this morning as he prepared to question Bryant before the federal grand jury for the second time.

Bryant is telling the jury the circumstances surrounding his "finding" of jewels insured for $100,000, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Emerson Bell in her suite in the Miami Biltmore hotel in Jan.

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one bench, the other four sit across the room and ignore him.

Bryant talked and kicked over the nice playhouse which had been so carefully erected.

Fine looks very worried. He stares straight ahead of him and talks little. He will make no statement, he says, except to the grand jury. Kehoe is morose and very abrupt with newspapermen. Harrington huddles in his corner of the bench and glowers at everyone.

Cohen is the one bright spot. He chats amiably and at length with anyone who wants to engage him in conversation. But he doesn't say anything. Mr. Cohen is everybody's friend, but he says, "I'm not going to be anybody's goat."

Indictments against at least four of the five Dade countians summoned before the grand jury are probable, Adams told newspapermen yesterday when he emerged from the grand jury room.

The government, Adams said, might ask for indictments on three grounds. He did not specify the possible charges, nor did he name the men he said were likely to feel the effect of federal warrants.

The indictments Adams said the grand jury might return need not confine themselves to the transportation of the stolen jewels. "If any group of persons conspire to violate the laws of the United States," Adams said, "they can be indicted and this jury can indict them."

Scaffa, accompanied by his attorney, appeared in the corridor leading to the grand jury room. He was swamped by an army of reporters. Scaffa said he understood Frank Malone, city editor of the Daily [illegible] to see him. He said he [illegible] with Malone [illegible] newspaperman he [illegible] The conference got under way. Malone asked, "Where did you get the jewels before you put them in the last box?"

"I won't talk about that. It's something the jury must be told about," said Scaffa.

"Did you give Bryant the key that opened the last box?" Malone asked.

Scaffa answered, "Yes."

"Did Monroe give you the jewels?"

"That will have to be told to the jury."

"You did confer with Fine, didn't you?"

"That's already been testified to."

Questioned as to the telegram George A. Worley, jr., special prosecutor who tried Monroe and Call sent to the secretary of state of New York, protesting against Scaffa's failure to appear as a witness at the trial of Monroe and Call, Scaffa said he had received a telegram and answered, saying, "I got permission to be over at the time I could be on. I attended to the thing [illegible] to appear [illegible]

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Cohen Filed Motion For New Trial

Formal motion for new [illegible] Charles Call and Nicholas Mo[illegible] convicted of the $344,000 Biltmore jewel robbery, was filed in criminal court by defense attorney Benjamin Cohen [illegible] departed for New York Mo[illegible] it was learned late yesterday.

The motion, which, by agreement will be amended when Cohen returns, was released by Judge C. Willard. The jurist agreed to allow Cohen to amend the motion upon his return, because the attorney did not have sufficient time to prepare it between the sentencing of Call and Montoso late Friday and his departure by [illegible] for the [illegible]

have been widened unofficially to include complete investigation into Vining's death and the reasons behind his parting note that he had been "framed right in the courthouse."

The probe is being led by E. F. P. Brigham, attorney for Vining, whose 18-month-old daughter, Eugenia, was run over by an American Bakeries Co. truck on W. Flagler st. in April, 1932. The Maryland Casualty Co., as insurers of the bakeries concern, must pay the judgment if it is affirmed.

Participating in the hearings with Brigham are Marion E. Sibley, attorney for the bakeries company, and W. L. Reed, representing the insurance company.

The story brought out by Brigham from witnesses who took the stand today was that the Maryland Casualty Co. sent an investigator here from Chicago in August, four months after the accident had been returned.

Testimony brought out that a Chicago man, John C. [illegible] preached Phillips on the [illegible] a sod-hauling contract [illegible] the aid of W. J. McBree [illegible] garage man, gained his [illegible] and confidence.

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New Members Needed on Civil Service Panel, He Insists

Commissioner A. D. H. Foosey said today, upon his return from a fishing trip, that he still favors action by the city commission to change the personnel of the present civil service board, as a result of its action recently in reinstating seven police officers and men suspended because of the alleged beating of G. C. Kirkland, jr., 17.

"I am prepared to renew the motion I made several weeks ago to fire the present civil service board," Foosey said. "I do not intend to do this, however, until I have assurance I have sufficient backing to get the measure through. This may not be [illegible]

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Florida Ex-Cop Before Grand Jury in Scaffa Quiz



Benjamin Cohen (center), attorney for Montone and Cali in the Bell jewel robbery case, talks with other witnesses before appearing before Grand Jury probing Noel Scaffa's methods of returning stolen jewels.

Confused Investigators By Conflicting Stories.

A former Miami Beach police official, who already has offered two widely different stories of how $185,000 in gems was recovered, was a witness yesterday before the Federal Grand Jury investigating Noel Scaffa's phenomenal success in solving big jewel robberies.

Eugene F. Bryant, head of the Miami Beach detective division until his resignation last Friday, was the man who turned up the sparkling loot stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell, the former dancer. His testimony was so lengthy that the jurors sat half an hour beyond their usual time.

Confused Officials.

One of five witnesses brought here from Florida for the probe, Bryant had previously confused officials by his explanations.

First he said the jewels were placed mysteriously in his automobile, but later, when interrogated by Department of Justice agents, declared he had found them in a strong box for which Scaffa had supplied him with a key.

Whether he repeated either of these versions yesterday was not disclosed.

Benjamin Cohen, counsel for Nick Montone and Charles Cali, both of whom were convicted last week in Miami for the jewel robbery, was another witness called but not heard yesterday.

"I'm going to tell the Grand Jury everything," he said. "I'm not going to be anybody's goat."

Scaffa Visits Building.

Scaffa, who has already appeared twice before the jury for a grilling, was not called yesterday, but appeared in the Federal Building.

Chief Assistant United States Attorney Francis Adams, in charge of the investigation, said yesterday it would take at least three days to complete his case. He will hear other witnesses today.

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MIAMI DETECTIVE HEARD ON GEM THEFT

Florida Man Testifies Here in Scaffa Inquiry—Other Witnesses on Hand.

Eugene F. Bryant, chief of detectives of Miami Beach, testified yesterday before a Federal grand jury which is investigating the activities of Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, and the part he played in the return of $185,000 worth of jewels stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell in the Miami Biltmore Hotel.

The inquiry, which is being conducted by Francis W. H. Adams, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, is to determine if any one violated a Federal statute by transporting stolen property from one State to another.

Other witnesses on hand to testify were Fred W. Pine, Solicitor of Dade County, Fla.; his assistant, Jack Kehoe; Clarence Harrington, Scaffa's Miami representative, and Benjamin Cohen, attorney for Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, who were convicted in Miami last week of the jewel robbery.

Cohen appeared at the Federal Building in an angry mood and announced to reporters that he did "not intend to be the goat" and that he did intend to tell the grand jury everything he knew about the case.

Scaffa, who has appeared twice before the grand jury, paid a visit yesterday to the office of Abraham S. Weschler, head of the New York State Division of Licenses, to explain that he had not answered a subpoena to appear at the trial of the robbers in Miami because at the time he was under Federal subpoena.

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tive, gave him the key.

Jury Sits Overtime

What he said yesterday was not
disclosed, but his examination
was so long that the jury sat
nearly half an hour beyond its
usual time.

Meanwhile, four other witnesses
from Florida were waiting outside
the jury room. They were Fred
Pine, solicitor of Dade County,
Fla.; his assistant, Jack Kehoe;
Clarence Harrington, Scaffa's Mi-
ami representative, and Benjamin
Cohen, counsel for Montone and
Cali. The last named was in a
belligerent mood and told re-
porters:

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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1935

At Grand Jury Inquiry



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Noel C. Scaffa

Ex-Miami Detective Chief Examined in Jewel Case

Resigned Officer Testifies Here Before U. S. Grand Jury

Eugene Bryant, recently resigned chief of detectives of Miami Beach, Fla., was examined for two and a half hours yesterday *before* the Federal Grand Jury by Francis W. H. Adams, appointed a special assistant to the Attorney General to continue the government's investigation of the unusual circumstances surrounding the return of $185,500 worth of jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel on January 26.

Other Florida witnesses who appeared under subpoena and will be required to return today for questioning were Fred W. Pine, Dade County prosecutor; Jack Kehoe, his assistant; Benjamin Cohen, counsel for Nicholas Montone, alias Nick Marlowe, of Brooklyn, and Charles Cali, both convicted last week of the jewel robbery, and Clarence Harrington, described as a Florida representative of Noel Charles Scaffa, private detective. Scaffa himself has already made two appearances before the grand jury.

Scaffa, although not under subpoena, entered the grand jury anteroom to confer with his counsel, Isidor Bregoff, of 521 Fifth Avenue, and Harrington. The private detective said he had appeared at the State License Department earlier to explain his failure to appear at the trial in Florida. George E. Worley, who prosecuted the gem thieves, had suggested by telegraph the revocation of Scaffa's detective license or other disciplinary action. Scaffa, however, informed the License Department that he was under a Federal subpoena here and was restrained from leaving the jurisdiction.

Cohen professed anger at his being involved in the case.

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Lawyer of Jewel Thieves Grilled

Grand Jurors Quiz Cohen, of Miami, 2½ Hours

Benjamin Cohen, Miami attorney who defended Nick Montone and Charles Cali, convicted of robbing Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell of $185,000 in jewels, was question before the Federal Grand Jury yesterday for two and a half hours.

Not satisfied with this lengthy examination, Francis W. H. Adams, special Assistant Attorney General investigating the mysterious recovery of the jewels, ordered him back for further questioning today.

Following Cohen, Clarence Harrington, Florida representative of the private detective agency of Noel Scaffa, which obtained the return of Mrs. Bell's gems, will be questioned and it appeared likely that Scaffa himself will be recalled.

On two previous occasions Scaffa testified before the Grand Jury that he had no personal knowledge of any overt acts leading to the recovery of the jewelry.

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Humiliating to Miami

First week of the federal grand jury investigation in New York concerning the mysterious return of jewels in the Bell-Content robbery at the Miami Biltmore has attracted wide attention. More witnesses are to be called next week and the full scope of the inquiry is not yet apparent.

Miami and Dade county should be grateful, indeed, to the federal authorities for their co-operation in efforts to clean up a local condition that has made effective law enforcement and prosecution of criminals most difficult, if not impossible, during recent years. So far-reaching are the trails in this case that only federal authorities could follow them.

But the unfavorable publicity this area is receiving by the daily parade of discredited law-enforcement officials and others before the grand jury in New York is of incalculable damage. How much favorable publicity it will off-set no one can tell. That is the price we must pay for not keeping our own house in order. And the blame cannot be placed entirely upon unworthy officials who have permitted this crime condition to develop and made an appeal to federal authority necessary. A large share of the blame must be accepted by those citizens who have failed to face the facts presented to them for many years and have helped to elect or failed to oppose this type of official.

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By the Associated Press.

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LAWYERS PROBED IN ROBBERY CASE

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DAILY NEWS, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1935

2 YOUTHS HELD IN 'RECOVERY' OF HOT GEMS

The same technique ascribed to Noel Scaffa, used by a purported archaeologist, landed the latter in jail yesterday as a receiver of stolen jewels while his roommate was arrested as the thief.

The jewels, valued at $4,000, were stolen Friday night from J. Starr Anderson by a youth who visited him in his apartment in the Town House, 108 E. 38th St., supposedly in quest of employment. The youth beat Anderson during the robbery.

At noon Saturday another visitor called and Anderson, who was just recovering from the bludgeoning administered by the caller of the night before, let him in. He said he was Fred Sullivan, 21, an archaeologist, of 104 W. 44th St.

He offered to "recover" the stolen gems for $1,500. A friend slipped out and telephoned the police, and Detective Michael Hickey arrived a few minutes later in the guise of an insurance adjuster. After considerable bickering, Sullivan agreed to take $750.

He was arrested yesterday when he took the jewels from a safe deposit box in the Central Savings Bank.

Detective Walter Kiechlin, disguised as a hack driver, drove to his apartment and arrested Edward Macken, 22, who was identified by Anderson as the robber.

Anderson, 50, is a member of the brokerage firm of Langley and Company, 115 Broadway.

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DAILY MIRROR Monday, May 6, 1935

Scaffa Probing $15,000 Gem Theft

Another of those jewel robberies so mysterious that only Noel Scaffa, celebrated insurance company gem recoverer, is deemed capable of solving it, occupied the attention of the Long Beach L. I., police yesterday.

The victims of the robbery are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herman Jacobs, of 19 East 8th St., Long Beach, and New York, who only opened their Summer home there a week ago.

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GEM THIEVES GIVEN 25 YEARS

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MONTONE, CALI MOVE FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED

Second Case, Involving Holdup of Mrs. Bell, Still to Be Tried

PAIR EMOTIONLESS

Sentence of One Defendant to Run Concurrently With Other Term

Nicholas "Little Nicky" Montone and Charles Cali, convicted of the robbery of Harry Content in the Miami Biltmore jewel theft of Jan. 26, were sentenced to 25 years each in the state penitentiary by Judge Ben C. Willard in criminal court today.

Cali's sentence will run concurrently with the eight-year unarmed robbery sentence imposed when he pleaded guilty to the robbery of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in the same holdup.

This sentence was the one given Cali when County Solicitor Fred Pine allowed him to plead guilty to unarmed robbery and at the same time dismissed the charge against Montone. Special Prosecutor G. A. Worley, jr., appointed by Judge Willard to probe further into the case, brought evidence subsequently before the court which resulted in the conviction of both men for armed robbery, which culminated in the sentences today. The second case against Montone involving the holdup of Mrs. Bell is yet to be tried.

Montone and Cali, the jury which convicted them found, robbed the former New York actress of jewels insured for $185,000, as she dressed for dinner in her hotel suite. Content, who is a wealthy New York broker, was stripped of a watch and $200 in cash as he came to her assistance.

Judge Willard made no comment as he sentenced the men today. He made his pronouncement after denying a motion for new trial, which was presented without argument by Ben Cohen, the prisoners' attorney.

Cali, dressed in a white mesh polo shirt, and Montone with buff shirt covered by a checked gray coat reminiscent of race track crowds, took the sentence without

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emotion. Later, however, as they waited to be taken to their cell Montone told a reporter:

"I don't want the people of Miami to think I was a menace here. I came to this town to enjoy the sunshine, and am innocent of the crime.

"I have made no confession at any time, and I feel I was convicted because newspapers prejudiced the people against me."

"The same goes for me," Cali chimed in.

Authorities conceded the robbery case is far from closed with the sentence of the actual gunmen. A New York federal grand jury is considering evidence presented two weeks ago by Cohen, Pine, Assistant Solicitor Jack Kehoe, resigned Miami Beach Detective Chief Eugene Bryant, Noel Scaffa, detective agency head, and his Miami agent, C. Harrington.

They were called to tell what they knew about a rumored $15,000 split revealed by Bryant at the trial of Montone and Cali here. The split was allegedly between attorneys and law enforcement officials, and is believed to have been tied up with Pine's original easy handling of the case.

While the federal grand jury ponders the testimony before it, a subcommittee of the Dade County Bar association is preparing to call Pine, Kehoe, Cohen and others in an investigation into the case.

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NEW YORK SUN, MONDAY, MAY 13, 1935.

TWO GEM THIEVES SENT TO PRISON

Pair Who Held Up Mrs. Bell Get 25 Years Each.

MIAMI, May 13 (U. P.).—Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone of Brooklyn were sentenced today to twenty-five years' imprisonment each for the robbery of Harry Content, a new York broker, at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in February.

In the same robbery Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell of New York, a former dancer, lost jewels valued at $246,000.

Cali, in jail for a minor offense, confessed when the police found Mr. Content's watch at his home. He implicated Montone, a race track gambler and former Miami Beach gambling casino employee.

Montone, arrested in New York, denied complicity in the largest robbery of the winter season. He insisted that he was beaten into a confession in the Tombs by New York detectives.

The jewels were recovered mysteriously. The police at first announced that the gems were placed in a parked police car.

Later, however, Eugene Bryant, the chief of Miami Beach detectives, said they were found in hotel locker. Bryant's second explanation involved himself and several Dade county officials in a $15,000 "split."

Bryant then resigned and the Federal Grand Jury in New York called the public officials he had implicated in the alleged plan to recover the jewels without an arrest and "split" the reward five aways.

At Montone's trial, the defendant insisted that he could not have participated in the robbery "because I'm even afraid to handle a gun."

"I just try to make an honest living on the horses," he said, "and I never go in for big stuff. Occasionally, I pick up a job in a gambling casino."

Mr. Content, a guest in Mrs. Bell's suite, was robbed of $200 and a watch valued at $100.

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NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, MONDAY, MAY 13, 1935

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MISCELLANEOUS

Two Get 25 Years In $246,300 Holdup

MIAMI, Fla., May 13 (I.N.S.). Twenty-five-year penitentiary sentences were pronounced today on Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, of New York, in Dade county criminal court for the armed robbery here of Harry Content, New York broker, during which they took jewelry valued at $246,300 from Mrs. Margaret N. Bell, New York society matron, in a hotel here January 26.

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Politicians tried to protect them . . . BUT A MIAMI JURY FOUND THEM GUILTY

DOES CRIME PAY







NICHOLAS MONTONE and Charles Cali are New York crooks who know the value of having political allies. They staged a $185,000 jewel robbery in a Coral Gables hotel—and almost got away with it, due to political protection. • Under ordinary circumstances they would have gone free. And they and their political protectors would have split the profits. Ordinarily, such an evil alliance is safe from detection because politicians control the machinery of local law enforcement and justice. • In this case, however, recently enacted laws gave the Department of Justice jurisdiction over the crime. The frantic efforts of Dade County politicians to free Montone and Cali for lack of evidence were checkmated by relentless federal agents. On overwhelming proof supplied by these federal men and honest local police officers, the criminals were convicted by a Miami jury. • Rarely do such glaring examples of the political-criminal alliance come to light. The politician has many, many ways to cover his tracks while he is victimizing the public and cooperating with crooks. • Organized crime must be stamped out! But because of the difficulty of exposing crooked politicians, it is necessary that the voters eliminate both organized crime and crooked politicians through the ballot box. Get rid of the professional politician. Change the old and vicious order. Elect honest men to public office—men who respect the obligations of public service.

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NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1935.

JURY CALLS EX-SCAFFA AID.

Frank Francisco, former operative for Noel Scaffa, detective, in New York and Miami, was called before the Federal Grand Jury today in the inquiry into the return of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell and Harry Content at Miami Beach.

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NEW YORK EVENING JOURNAL

Grand Jury Quizzes Aide of Noel Scaffa on Bell Gem Return

Frank Francisco, formerly employed by Noel Scaffa, private detective, as an operative in Miami and New York, was before the Federal Grand Jury today in connection with its inquiry into the return of stolen jewelry in Florida to Margaret Hakesworth Bell and Harry Content some months ago.

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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1935.

Miami Jewel Robbers Get 25-Year Sentences

Montone and Cali Convicted in $185,000 Theft

MIAMI, Fla., May 13 (AP).—Sentences of twenty-five years each were imposed today upon Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, convicted recently in the $185,000 Miami Biltmore Hotel jewel robbery last February. They were found guilty on charges of armed robbery of Harry Content, New York broker, who lost a watch and $100 in cash in the hold-up in which his companion, Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former Follies dancer, lost a fortune in jewels. The robbery occurred in the hotel suite of Mrs. Bell.

Cali's sentence will run concurrently with an eight-year sentence for unarmed robbery.

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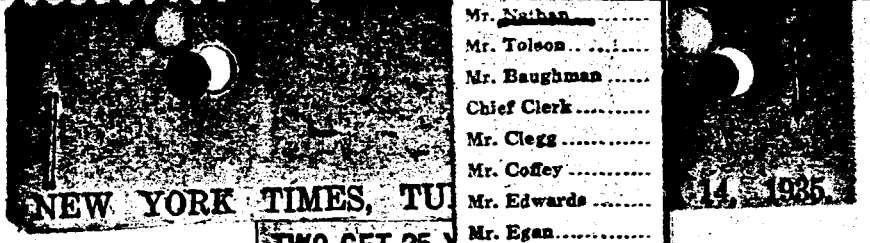
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At that time a similar charge against Montone was nol-prossed by Fred Pine, County Solicitor, after he said Mr. Content and Mrs. Bell had been unable to identify Montone. Armed robbery charges, however, later were filed against Montone and Cali.

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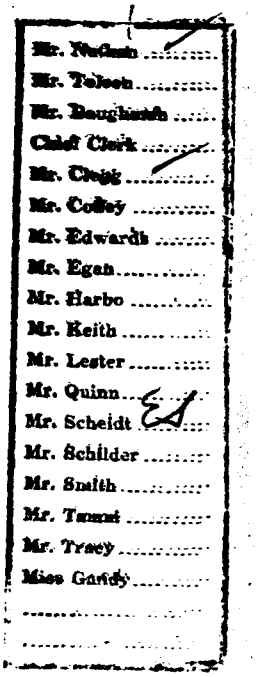
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EW YORK OST, MONDAY, MAY 20 1935

The Lyons Den

—By—
LEONARD LYONS

BROADWAY NOCTURNE

"Let's get away this week end, dear—away from Broadway, or anything relating to it,..I'll find the place...Set the alarm clock before you go...G'night, dear, and many items to you..."

12 P.M. "The G-Men are converging here Monday," a tipster phone-calls, "to make sensational arrests in the Bell-Conlent jewel robbery cases..." Georgie Jessel throws a kiss to Block and Sully, but Ida Cantor turns away. Jessel crosses the room and plants a kiss upon the startled Mrs. Cantor, who can't forget his feud with Eddie... The Stanley Twins go through their routine whirls, but one always remains on the outer edge of the stage—because her sister has a deathly fear of slipping off... "I'm getting away from Broadway," Jack Dempsey informs. "I'm going up to Grossinger's to see Barney Ross train."...George Jean Nathan foxtrots deftly at the Town Casino while Ted Husing stares in amazement. The aged Dr. Farnum, whose daughter had made her debut from this spot, when it was his home, returns for the fourth time in one week... and laughs at the social changes ...Down the Street a blonde kicks the blazes out of a famous comic, leaves him prone and hops into a cab...

1 A.M. Floyd Gibbons and Marshall Dodge dole affectionate pats upon the bar at Anna Held's before it departs for the Westchester summer season. "It's the only bar in captivity," Floyd reveals, "that goes to the country for the summer"..."I'm taking my band to Ferndale," says Abe Lyman. "I want to get away from the Street—and see Barney Ross train"...Gregory Ratoff hops the Normandie piano and sings Morgan's "My Bill," while Helen Titters...and reciprocates with a Russian song—which Ratoff can't understand..."Ladies and gentlemen," Harry Richman shouts to the Versailles patrons, "I want to introduce the greatest actor in America—John Barrymore." The actor smiles and returns the compliment. At another table sits the greatest actress in America—Katherine Cornell—unintroduced... An attorney note-passes the information that the famous World photo of William Travers Jerome has been located. The photo shows the District Attorney at his desk—sleeping. It's now hanging in Dodge's office...And the cartoon showing Judge Rosalsky dragging Jerome into the Grand Jury room, captioned "Get to work, Mr. District Attorney!" also rests in Dodge's office!

2 A.M. Only forty patrons come to the Club Richman to watch the Broadway return of Frank Wallace, alleged husband of Mae West. "Horace Greeley," the m. c. introduces, " Go West, young man. T. di." ... The semi-bald, thin adagio dancer hurls his partner, named Maya—coincidentally—across the floor in a sad-faced routine. "The Wallace who married Mae," a reporter snickers, died in June, 1933, in St. Joseph's Hospital in The Bronx" ...Outside the demolished Rialto Theatre the regulars seek Nellie, the newspaper vender who was stationed there for years—and yet never once had been inside... "I'm getting away from Broadway," Milton Berle—a guy who can take it, and does—advises. "I'm going to Grossinger's...Polly Moran swings her arms in the small confines of The Famous Door and Mrs. Joe E. Brown chuckles...A patron shoves a dark-visaged bar-standee and essays: "Looking for trouble, wise guy?" Some one whispers to him that the dark one's name is Tony Canzoneri, and he scampers out of the room ... "Howdja like Hollywood?" Tony asked Jimmy Cannon..."It's beautiful," Jimmy replies. "Wait till God finds out about that spot. He'll want to become an independent producer!"

3 A.M. Rudy Vallee, the only Hollywood Restaurant diner to wear smoked glasses, insists he dons them to be inconspicuous..."The reason that newspaper is writing an expose of traffic problems is because its publisher got a ticket last week for passing a red light!"....Joe Schenck casts amorous glances at Gertrude Nieson ... "Jack Warner got lost trying to find the Warner Studios in Brooklyn, so he made them put up a sign, "This Is Warner Brothers' "...Sophie Tucker, anxious to get into film work, discusses an order to go to Hollywood's Trocadero Club..."I'm getting away from the Main Stem," Danny Dare whispers ... up to Ferndale"..."What's the first thing to learn, in becoming a song writer?" A. C. Blumenthal queries at Reuben's..."How to eat herring at Lindy's," Woollcott Donohue advises...."Here," Beatrice Lillie contributes, "is a London story. Walter Challis wouldn't park his car in the garage and dared the police to make him do it. They chased him to arrest him—and finally cornered Challis. He leaped from his auto—but was caught anyway. The car crashed [illegible] garage!"

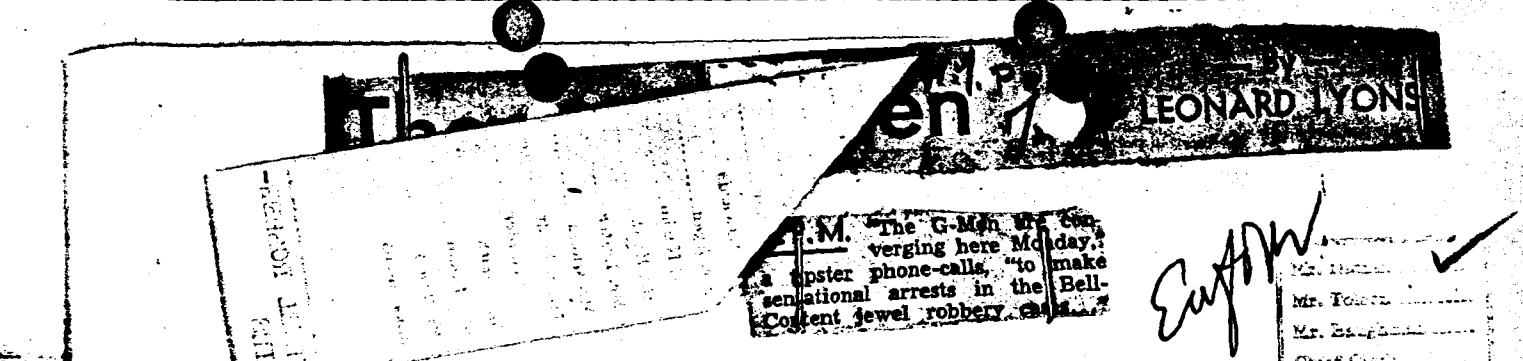
4 A.M. "S'long, [illegible] farewell, get as far away from [illegible] and everybody on it, as p[illegible] I'm going up to Grossinger's [illegible] the week end"...Eddie Davis sits forlorn at Leon & Eddie's. "I promised to send a letter to my sister," he laments, "but I can't lay my hands on a letter to send. Got an extra letter?"...Percy Stones, sporting a blinker, masters the ceremonies at the Barrel-of-Fun. Lewis and Dody, vaudeville kings of yesterday, manufacture a sad hilarity to sing "Oh, we're not Rudy Vallees, chita-buchtchi, chi'tabuchtchi!"... Frankie Meadows, night club queen of years ago, returns to the cabaret field to support her infant daughter"....And then she chants, "the world's gonna be bright...so-oh-oh-o bright"... Broadway Sam tosses a coin to a beggar on Fifty-first Street, rights his carnation and reveals that he's through with Broadway for the week end. "I'm gonna go back to natchoor....Grossinger's ...away from everybody around here..."

5 A.M. "Look at these pictures on the walls," Patricia Wilder accents in Dave's. "Thirty photographs—and not one of these people comes here"...A chorine shouts to her escort: "Tip the cabbie a quarter, woncha? Didn't you see 'Waiting for Lefty'?"...In a coffee-pot nearby, a racketeer tenders a $10 bill and the cashier examines it. "Jees," the mobster says, "I'm glad you told me it's counterfeit. If they ever caught me with that on me...Keep it...a present from me"...Jack White is saddened at King's Terrace. "Say—wassa matter with all the mugs around here? I'm the only guy who isn't going up to Ferndale to see Ross train...Naw—I d'wanna going away from Broadway. Broadway's going away from me..."

6 A.M. *"G'morning, dear. I've found just the place for us to week-end. It's ideal, and we'll forget all about Broadway or its people while we're there...Up at Ferndale...Yeah—Grossinger's ...Hey!—Gosh, for a moment I thought you'd fainted."*

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Scaffa the Great

There is in New York a rather remarkable man named Noel C. Scaffa. He is a sharp-eyed, hook-nosed, black-mustached gentleman who over the years has made a business of recovering stolen jewelry. Whenever some rich woman is foolish enough to be robbed of her baubles, the first thing everyone says is, "Wait a little while, Noel Scaffa will get 'em back." And he *will*. Now the Department of Justice and the Federal Grand Jury is looking into this system.

It is an extraordinarily cute system. Nobody loses. That is, hardly anyone. A dowager is robbed. Her jewels are insured. Scaffa gets them back. The insurance company is satisfied. The police are relieved of an embarrassing situation. The dowager is happy. The thieves have usually been paid enough to make the operation worth while, as there is very little profit in selling stolen stuff to a "fence." And Mr. Scaffa, the magician who has so many valuable underworld contacts, is happy and well paid for his services to the community.

Mr. Scaffa, through his attorney, Isidor Bregoff, has made an explanation of his conduct in the recovery of the $185,000 worth of jewelry taken from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell last January in Miami. His first story was that the chief of detectives of Miami, Eugene Bryant, recovered the jewels. Now, under oath, he tells another story. It seems that Scaffa agreed with Bryant to give him both the credit and a large part of the $15,000 reward. Bryant got $3,500. Benjamin Cohen, counsel for the two alleged thieves, Montone and Cali, is said to have received a similar sum and to have planned to divide it with his law partner, County Solicitor Fred W. Pine, and his assistant, Jack Kehoe. Bryant was to divide the rest of the reward money among various "peace officers."

Now the truth is that Scaffa himself found the jewels in a safe deposit box, for which, in some magical fashion, he had obtained the key. Of all this monkey business, Scaffa's lawyer says: "Mr. Scaffa has the confidence of the insurance companies and they know this is his method and they approve it."

Is that so? May we suggest, with all admiration for the undoubted talents of Mr. Scaffa, that the whole system smells?

Real Black Magic



Noel Scaffa, a strictly private detective, a n
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Times 5/30/35

$10,000 BOND HOLDS SCAFFA IN GEM CASE

Famed Sleuth Indicted in a Secret Jury Session; G-Men Arrest Him During Night

NEW YORK, May 31 (I.N.S.). The secret indictment of Noel Scaffa, private detective and go-between in solution of big jewel robberies along the Atlantic seaboard, was bared today when Scaffa was arraigned in Federal court on a charge of violating the national stolen property act.

Bail of $10,000 was set by Federal Judge Francis Caffey.

Arrested Last Night

The dapper Scaffa, who was arrested by G-men last night and held without bail overnight in the Federal House of Detention, was stunned. He went into a quick huddle with his lawyer and it was not made known immediately whether he could raise bail today.

Specifically, Scaffa was charged with "causing stolen property to be transported from New York to Miami," United States District Attorney Francis W. H. Adams said.

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No indictment has been filed, Adams said. Scaffa was arraigned on a complaint signed by William B. Moran, a Department of Justice agent.

The detective appeared before the Federal grand jury several times in the last month in the Government's investigation of the circumstances surrounding the return of $185,000, worth of jewelry, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkes-Bell in the Miami Biltmore Hotel at Miami on January 26.

Scaffa, in his remarkable career, has had numerous tiffs with the New York City police.

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In 1925 he paid $65,000 for the return of $245,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue and then waited a week to report the recovery to the police.

For this the police had him indicted for compounding a felony. His first trial ended in a disagreement, his second in acquittal.

Grilled in Big Hauls

In 1926 he was questioned in Nassau county when he reported he ofund in a closet $26,655 in jewels which the police said had been stolen from the home of Mrs. William Willock in Oyster Bay, L. I.

In 1930 the New York county grand jury questioned him in an unsuccessful effort to learn what part he played in the roundup of a jewel robbery gang and the recovery of gems valued at $1,300,000.

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JEWEL GUARD HELD

Herald 5/31/35

Theft Plot Charged to Detective

NEW YORK, May 30 (I.N.S.).—Noel Scaffa, famous private detective-specialist in jewel robbery cases, was released in $10,000 bail today after Federal Court arraignment on a charge of violating the national stolen property act.

Federal Judge Caffee set Scaffa's hearing for June 13. U. S. Assistant Attorney Francis W. H. Adams told the court Scaffa had entered into a corrupt agreement with robbers who stole $185,000 in jewels from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami.

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U. S. Mysteriously Jails Scaffa, Miami Jewel Theft Detective

Adams Denies Perjury Indictment Against Operator, Admits Arrest Here

Noel Charles Scaffa, private detective who has investigated most of the spectacular jewel robberies in and around New York for the last ten years, was arrested at 5:10 p. m. yesterday in his office at 111 John Street by two Federal agents. He was taken to the offices of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, 370 Lexington Avenue, questioned for three and a half hours before being taken to the Federal House of Detention, 427 West Street.

Francis W. H. Adams, United States Attorney for the Southern District, said that no indictment had been filed against Scaffa and that no complaint had been entered. The arrest, Mr. Adams said, was a routine step taken by the Department of Justice agents.

Mr. Adams said he would be in his office at 9:30 a. m. today, when he would decide what action should be taken against the prisoner. He had little knowledge of the exact circumstances of last night's arrest, he said.

Isidore Bregoff, of 521 Fifth Avenue, Scaffa's lawyer, who sought to advise his client soon after his arrest, insisted that Scaffa had been taken into custody on an indictment charging perjury. Mr. Bregoff was the sole source of public information on his client's experiences. The agents were silent on the arrest. Mr. Bregoff,

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Herald Tribune photo—Acme
Noel Scaffa

however, said that an agent named Moran told him that Scaffa had been indicted.

The private detective appeared before the Federal Grand Jury several times last month for questioning in the government's inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the return of $185,500 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel at Miami, Fla., on January 26.

The lawyer went to the offices of the Division of Investigation, charging that Scaffa was held illegally and threatening to institute habeas corpus actions. Three hours after Scaffa had been taken to the Federal offices, one of the agents emerged from the locked chambers to fetch a tray of food.

"Sure we've got him," the agent was reported to have said. "It's a very lovely little party."

"Is he bleeding yet?" Bregoff was quoted as asking.

Late last month the Division of Investigation issued a typewritten history of the theft of Mrs. Bell's jewelry, calling attention to the so-called stolen property act, which punishes by ten years' imprisonment, or $10,000 fine, or both, the transportation in interstate commerce of stolen property valued at $5,000 or more. At the time the Federal agency announced it would prosecute vigorously "all parties who may have conspired to transport these stolen jewels in interstate commerce."

Bregoff made strenuous efforts to get Scaffa out of jail last night. Seeking an official to preside at an immediate arraignment, he tried first to reach Garret W. Cotter, United States Commissioner, only to learn that Mr. Cotter, anticipating just such disturbances at his home, has no residential telephone. He then tried in vain to [illegible] Judge [illegible] United States [illegible] court. At length, but through [illegible] call to Judge [illegible] Bondy, only to be told to get in touch with Commissioner Cotter.

Bregoff said that although Scaffa was held incommunicado, the detective had got word through to him that "someone" went before the grand jury and testified that Scaffa had turned over the Bell jewels in New York City.

Scaffa's office telephoned to Bregoff to notify him of the detective's arrest. Bregoff said that a few minutes before the arrest Scaffa had telephoned to him, saying that he had just called his office to learn that "two men who look like cops" were waiting there. He was advised to come to Bregoff's office instead of going to his own, but scoffed at the idea, according to his lawyer, saying that he had nothing to fear.

At the time she was robbed Mrs. Bell was wearing four necklaces of 519 matched pearls, and other valuable jewelry, including a 32-carat diamond ring, all insured by Lloyd's of London. In the same holdup Harry Content, Wall Street broker, lost a watch and $100 in cash.

Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, of Brooklyn, were arrested and were convicted by a Miami jury specifically in the robbery of Mr. Content.

A sequel to the case was the resignation of Eugene E. Bryant, as chief of detectives of Miami. The Department of Justice, in a statement on the case, said that "none other than Noel Scaffa himself, on March 18, had delivered to Chief of Detectives Bryant at Miami Beach, Fla., the key to a lock box of the American Locker Company located at a station in Miami," and that with the key Bryant and C. Harrington, described as a Scaffa investigator, had found the jewels, wrapped in brown paper, in the lock box.

During its investigation of the case the Division of Investigation announced that Bryant had signed a statement saying that Scaffa conspired with him to claim a $15,000 reward offered by the insurance company on the false statement that Bryant himself recovered the jewels. As Scaffa already had been paid $2,500 by the insurance company, he would not be entitled to any part of the reward, Bryant said.

According to the Department of Justice, Bryant said that he was to receive $3,500, with a similar amount going to Benjamin Cohen, defense counsel to Montone and Call. Cohen was to keep $2,000 as his fee, dividing the rest between Fred Pine, Dade County Prosecutor, and Jack Kehoe, his assistant. According to the statement, $1,000 was promised to Harrington and the remaining $7,000 was to be distributed by Bryant at his own discretion "among various peace officers and individuals in Florida" who assisted in the apprehension of Call, which led subsequently to Montone's arrest.

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CLEVELAND PRESS

May 30, 1935

Famous Detective Held, Questioned by "G-Men"

Scaffa, Expert Gem Retriever, Recently Was Quizzed in $185,000 Robbery

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 30—Federal "G-Men" today secretly held and questioned Noel Scaffa, famous private detective and gem retriever.

He was seized by Justice Department operatives at 5:30 p. m. yesterday and closeted in examination in the local Bureau of Investigation.

Attorney I. Bregoff, counsel for the noted sleuth, charged that Scaffa was held illegally and threatened to institute habeas corpus action.

Scaffa recently was examined by the Federal Grand Jury in connection with the $185,000 jewel robbery in Miami last January of Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer.

Charles Cali and Nicholas Cali, Brooklyn hoodlums, were convicted of robbery in the case after peculiar circumstances in connection with the return of the gems. Scaffa was credited with their return.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, last month named Scaffa as the man who arranged for return of the Bell jewels.

The "G-Men" have inaugurated a campaign to enforce the national stolen property act, making it a crime punishable by a 10-year prison term to transport stolen property worth more than $5000 from one state to another.



Noel Scaffa

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Scaffa Seized By U.S. Agents On Gem Case

Detective Questioned Behind Locked Doors in New York.

By the United Press.

New York, May 29.—Federal agents kept secretly held and ques... Noel Scaffa, famous private detective and gem retriever.

He was seized by Justice Department operatives at 5:30 p. m. and closeted in the Bureau of Investigation.

Attorney I. Bregoff, counsel for the noted sleuth, charged that Scaffa was held illegally and threatened to institute habeas corpus action.

Some three hours after the agents brought Scaffa to their offices, one emerged from the locked chambers to purchase a tray of food.

"Sure, we've got him," admitted the operative. "It's a very lovely little party."

"Is he bleeding yet?" asked Bregoff, ejected from the bureau's headquarters even when he appeared with a uniformed policeman.

The Department of Justice agent merely laughed and shook his head.

Quizzed in Jewel Theft.

Scaffa recently was examined by the Federal grand jury in connection with the $185,000 jewel robbery in Miami last January of Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer.

Charles Call and Nicholas Montone, Brooklyn hoodlums, were convicted of robbery in the case after peculiar circumstances in connection with the return of the gems. Scaffa was credited with their return.

Bregoff said that he had made a "deal" with Francis W. H. Adams, newly appointed acting United States district attorney, to surrender Scaffa at any time.

When his client was "kidnaped" late today by the Federal men, according to the lawyer, he communicated with Adams, who assured him that no indictments or warrants had been returned against Scaffa.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, last month named Scaffa as the man who arranged for return of the Bell jewels.

The Justice Department has in-

[illegible] a campaign [illegible] the national stolen property act, making it a crime punishable by a ten-year prison term to transport stolen property worth more than $5,000 from one State to another.

The line "Noel Scaffa, private detective, is investigating" appeared with almost monotonous frequency in accounts of major jewel robberies of the past decade.

An unobtrusive, thin-faced man, with a thick black moustache, he usually arrives in the wake of the police and sets in motion his own mysterious influence. Although he deprecated his amazing ability to find stolen gems with a remark that he was successful in only "a small percentage of cases," police more than once looked askance at his prompt return of valuable jewelry.

One such instance concerned the $683,000 theft of gems from the hotel suite of Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donohue in 1925. While police got nowhere, Scaffa stepped into the case and produced the jewels. It developed he had paid a "Sam Layton" $65,000 for the gems with no questions asked.

The district attorney's office obtained his indictment for compounding a felony and he stood trial twice. Both trials ended in disagreements.

Again Scaffa was questioned by Nassau County police in 1926 when he reported that he "found" $26,655 in jewels allegedly stolen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wallock, at Oyster Bay. The gems were "found" in a closet, where they had been mislaid, according to one of Scaffa's assistants, but authorities insisted a robbery had taken place.

In 1930 Scaffa was called before the grand jury in New York to explain his part in the round-up of a band of jewel robbers and the recovery of gems valued at $1,300,000. He disclaimed credit, saying he had gotten only minor information from "my usual underworld sources."

Scaffa was also active in the $300,000 Glemby jewel robbery of 1932, when the slaying of one of the suspects in the case brought reports he was a stool pigeon for the investigator. In 1933 Miami Beach police gave Scaffa a share of the credit in the round-up of the Sitomer gang and the recovery of $500,000 in jewels.

A few others of Scaffa's numerous cases were the $200,000 S. Stanwood Menken robbery in New York in 1931; the recovery of $100,000 in jewels by Mrs. Edgar Luckenbach the same year and the $400,000 Carson jewel robbery in Buffalo in 1930.

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$10,000 BOND HOLDS SCAFFA IN GEM CASE

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Famed Sleuth Indicted in a Secret Jury Session; G-Men Arrest Him During Night

NEW YORK, May 31. (I.N.S.). The secret indictment of Noel Scaffa, priv[illegible]ctive and go-between in solution of big jewel robberies along the Atlantic seaboard, was bared today when Scaffa was arraigned in Federal court on a charge of violating the national stolen property act.

Bail of $10,000 was set by Federal Judge Francis Caffey.

Arrested Last Night

The dapper Scaffa, who was arrested by G-men last night and held without bail overnight in the Federal House of Detention, was stunned. He went into a quick huddle with his lawyer and it was not made known immediately whether he could raise bail today.

Specifically, Scaffa was charged with "causing stolen property to be transported from New York to Miami," United States District Attorney Francis W. H. Adams said.

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No indictment has been filed, Adams said. Scaffa was arraigned on a complaint signed by William F. Moran, a Department of Justice agent.

The detective appeared before the Federal grand jury several times in the last month in the Government's investigation of the circumstances surrounding the return of $185,000, worth of jewelry, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkes-Bell in the Miami Biltmore Hotel at Miami on January 26.

Scaffa, in his remarkable career, has had numerous tiffs with the New York City police.

In High, Low Places

Retiring, seemingly almost shy, Scaffa has an amazing number of connections in all social stratas. He enjoys not only the confidence of Park Avenue matrons and executives of insurance firms, who employ him, but also of numerous underworld characters.

In 1925 he paid $65,000 for the return of $245,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue and then waited a week to report the recovery to the police.

For this the police had him indicted for compounding a felony. His first trial ended in a disagreement, his second in acquittal.

—Grilled in Big Hauls—

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In 1930 the New York county grand jury questioned him in an unsuccessful effort to learn what part he played in the roundup of a jewel robbery gang and the recovery of gems valued at $1,300,000.

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EX-COP INVOLVES SCAFFA IN DEAL

Federal Charge Ace Jewel Finder in Conspiracy to Collect Gem Reward.

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Scaffa—questioned by the federal grand jury last month about the mysterious recovery of $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami, Fla.—was charged with transporting jewelry from Miami to New York.

The charge was sworn to by William B. Moran, special agent of the Department of Justice. Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey fixed bail at $10,000.

He had been questioned for several hours in the offices of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice Wednesday night before he was taken to the Federal House of Detention. He was handcuffed to two agents when brought into court today.

Isidor Bregoff, Scaffa's attorney, said no indictment had been returned against his client, although the federal grand jury has been investigating for two months the part the detective played in the return of the jewels.

Mrs. Bell's jewels were found in a lock box in a Miami station March 18, after Scaffa had turned over a key to the Miami police. Eugene E. Bryant, former chief of Miami detectives, confessed, according to federal agents, that he and Scaffa conspired to claim a $15,000 reward for the return of the jewels.

Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone, who recently were convicted as the robbers, received part of the reward, Mr. Bryant said.

SCAFFA IN TROUBLE



NOEL C. SCAFFA
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4 HELD IN BAIL AS G-MEN RAID JEWELRY RING

Alleged Stolen Gem Racketeers Under Bond for the Transportation of Their Loot

NEW YORK, May 31 (U.S.). Four men prominent in rackets, the sporting world and Broadway were held in bail today as Federal G-Men pressed a round-up of an alleged stolen jewelry ring that began with the arrest Wednesday of Noel C. Scaffa, internationally known "gem recoverer."

The four taken in custody, in what Department of Justice officials said was a drive that would rival in thoroughness the G-Men's war on kidnapers, were:

Albert J. Contento, owner of night clubs in New York, Saratoga and Miami, held in $10,000 bail.

SLOT MACHINE CHIEF

Frank Costello, described as the "chief of the slot machine racket and a bookmaker," held in $7,500.

Pasquale Tesoriere, known as Patsy Dykes, a familiar figure along Broadway, was held in $5,000 bail.

Charles Stern, also known as "Broadway Charley" Steinberg, alleged successor in 1925 to the rum running Mannie Kessler. He also was held in $5,000 bail.

TRANSPORTING JEWELS

The charge against the four, like the charge against Scaffa, is based on the robbery of $185,000 worth of jewelry from Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer, in Miami, Fla., last winter. Scaffa is accused of causing the transportation of the stolen jewelry from New York to Miami, where the gems were recovered.

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BOOKIE CZAR SOUGHT IN GEM NET

Nationally Known Race Track Figure Hunted by G-Men

The Department of Justice headed its fast-moving round-up of jewelry theft ring suspects into the Broadway sector again today as word went out to nab one of the country's most powerful gamblers — a bookmaker whose influence is so far-reaching he frequently sets odds at important race-tracks.

The G-Men's quarry was reported to be the intimate friend of at least two of the four men seized with Noel Scaffa, internationally famous gem sleuth, in connection with the transportation of $180,000 worth of jewelry from Miami, Fla., to New York.

He maintained an elaborate office on Broadway and is said to have led a charmed life insofar as his ability to evade arrest and conviction was concerned.

AT MIAMI TRACK.

Although Department of Justice officials maintained the same secrecy displayed in all their investigations, it was learned the bookmaker was at the Miami track at about the time the costly collection of jewelry was stolen.

And it was also learned that a series of conferences by telephone and in person ranged from New York to Miami before the gems—the property of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth-Bell — mysteriously turned up in a locker, the key to which was supplied by Scaffa.

United States Attorney Francis W. H. Adams is expected to move for trial of all the alleged conspirators as soon as the bookmaker is apprehended. There was an indication the Federal men have amassed far more evidence than they are willing to [illegible]

The investigation moved swiftly following Scaffa's seizure.

No sooner had Scaffa been arraigned and held in $10,000 on a charge of causing the interstate transportation of jewelry he knew to be stolen than a series of raids were ordered.

THE G-MEN ACT.

And in swift order the G-Men captured:

Albert J. Contento, who owned the Embassy Clubs of Miami and New York, had a controlling interest in other clubs and once headed a warehouse company which grossed $1,000,000 in 1924.

Frank Costello, 241 Central Park West, described by the authorities as a suspected "big shot" in the slot machine racket and hitherto regarded as one of the city's "untouchables."

Charles A. Stern, alias Charles Steinberg, alias Broadway Charlie, a disbarred lawyer with a conviction for perjury and defrauding the Government out of $460,000 income tax on alleged bootlegging profits.

Pasquale Tesoriere, alias Patsy Dyke, said to be an associate of Contento, who has no police record.

The four men are accused of having conspired with Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali—two men convicted in Florida of the hold-up in which the jewelry was taken—to violate the new Federal law against transportation of stolen articles across State lines.

Contento was held in $10,000 bail, Costello in $7,500 and the others in $5,000 each.

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TWO IN SCAFFA CASE WIN RELEASE ON BAIL

Contento and Stern, Broadway Characters, Call Arrests 'Ballyhoo by G-Men.'

Albert J. Contento, known as Al Howard, a night club operator, and Charles J. (Broadway Charlie) Stern, two of four men arrested by Department of Justice agents in connection with the theft of $185,000 in jewels from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in a Florida hotel last January, were released yesterday by United States Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter. Just at the 12 o'clock Saturday closing hour Contento succeeded in putting up $10,000 cash bail and Stern $5,000 in cash through Lewis Landes, attorney.

Mr. Landes declared that Contento's arrest Friday was due to a "misunderstanding." Contento, who had given his address as 381 Park Avenue and his occupation as "restaurateur," declared, however, that he was just the victim of "ballyhoo by the G men."

"All they lacked was a brass band," he said. "Why, they broke into my apartment, stole my papers and kidnapped us. I don't know what it is all about."

"What was the misunderstanding?"

"There wasn't any misunderstanding. I don't know what it's all about."

Only Pasquale Tesoriere, known also as Patsy Dyke, remained in the Federal House of Detention. Frank Costello, race horse owner, raised his $7,500 bail Friday.

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, was released Thursday in $10,000 bail on the charge of causing the interstate transportation of jewelry he knew to be stolen.

Stern said he lived at 697 West End Avenue and is a salesman.

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HOLD PRIVATE DETECTIVE IN GEM PLOT CASE

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The charge was sworn to by William B. Moran, special agent of the department of justice. Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey fixed bail at $10,000. There have been charges of a plot to split the reward.

Scaffa has been questioned for several hours in the offices of the division of investigation of the department of justice last night before he was taken to the federal house of detention. He was handcuffed to two agents when brought into court today. Others mentioned in various ways in the case are Eugene F. Bryant, resigned chief of detectives of Miami Beach; Fred W. Pine, prosecutor of Dade county, Fla., and Benjamin Cohen, who was counsel to Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, convicted of the robbery.

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PRIVATE DETECTIVE HELD AS CONSPIRER

Jewel Recoverer Accused of Plotting to Obtain Reward

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 31—Noel Scaffa, private detective who in 15 years has recovered more than $10,000,000 worth of stolen jewelry, was accused today of playing both ends of his profession against the middle.

Department of Justice agents charged in Federal Court that Scaffa conspired with a former Miami (Fla.) detective chief to defraud an insurance company of a $15,000 reward for return of $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell of New York. He was released under $10,000 bond.

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U. S. IS SEEKING SCAFFA SCALP, LAWYER RAGES

The hand that locked a cell door on Noel Scaffa, Houdini of private detectives, reached all the way from high places in Washington to do the job, his attorney charged yester-



Noel Scaffa.

Released for further hearing.

day as the newest victim of G-men was released in $10,000 bail for a hearing June 13 on a charge of transporting stolen property.

"Some one in high political authority in Washington is after my client's scalp," raged Isador Bregoff, counsel for the wizard whose magic wand was waved over the underworld to restore some $10,000,000 worth of stolen jewelry to its owners.

Hinges on Miami Case.

"Was he indicted? No, even though he testified for four hours before the Grand Jury in this case. But special operators of the Department of Justice came down from Washington, and they were here because a certain official wants to get Scaffa."

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U. S. IS SEEKING SCAFFA SCALP, LAWYER RAGES

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plaint sworn to by William R. Moran, special agent of the Department of Justice in connection with the mysterious return of $185,000 in jewels which were stolen last Spring in Miami from Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former dancer, and Harry Content, famous stock market manipulator.

"The jewels were brought to New York and then taken back to Miami," declared Acting United States Attorney F. W. H. Adams, who arraigned Scaffa before Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey.

The internationally known retriever of stolen gems had been seized by Government agents Wednesday night and held incommunicado in a cell overnight after a typical G-man grilling.

$15,000 Bail Asked.

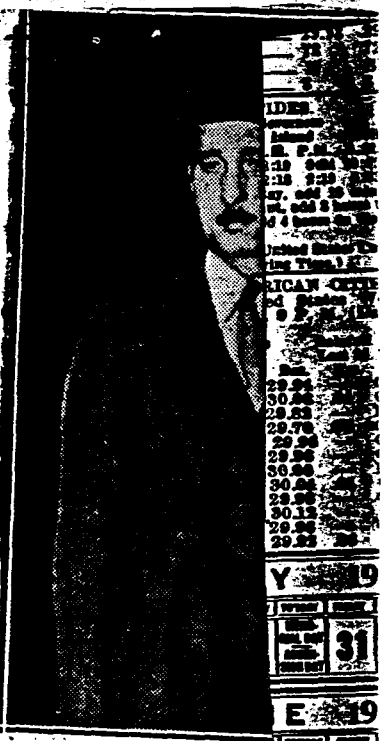
In demanding $15,000 bail, Adams told Judge Caffey:

"Not only is this defendant charged with having caused the transportation of the stolen jewelry, but he has been in constant communication with the persons who actually did the stealing.

"Federal investigators also indicate there was a corrupt agreement between him and the others with regard to the criminal act in Miami, looking to the freeing of the men arrested in that city and since convicted."

Scaffa's attorney argued that the Federal Stolen Properties Act, which prescribes a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment and $10,000 fine, was "obviously intended to frustrate criminals, not to prevent a police officer from recovering stolen property."

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G-MEN SEIZE 4 IN SCAFFA CASE

Frank Costello and A. J. Contento Held in Gem Ring Roundup

Frank Costello, slot machine and liquor racketeer, was arrested today and arraigned with Albert J. Contento, owner of large night clubs and restaurants, and two other men on Federal charges of a conspiracy to carry stolen jewels across State lines.

It was the same case which led to the arraignment yesterday of Noel Scaffa, prominent private detective, who specializes in stolen jewel recovery—the $185,000 Miami robbery of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell.

Contento, also known as Al Howard, was ranked by United States Commissioner Cotter as the big shot of the quartet. Bail for him was set at $10,000 after he had said that he was a partner in the King Packer Storage Warehouse, which did a $1,000,000 business last year, and was proprietor of the new Park Avenue Restaurant at 130 East Fifty-eighth Street, where Joe Zelli, famous restaurateur, holds forth.

He also owns the Embassy Club in Miami and formerly was a Saratoga club man.

Despite his businesses, said Con-

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his horses.

Bail of $5,000 was set for "Broadway Charley" Steinberg, disbarred lawyer, accused of a liquor conspiracy in 1930, and for Patsy Dykes, a minor figure associated with Contento.

New Law Aids G-Men

The Federal Bureau of Investigations—the G-men—were elated over breaking the case which they

given leniency. Federal interfer[ence] balked the plot and both men under heavy sentences.

sidor Bregoff, attorney for Scaffa, tested that the charge against client was a distortion of the Federal law, and insisted that affa's only interest in operations jewel thieves was to maintain tacts to enable him to recover len property.

Scaffa himself, in an interview er his release on bail, said that never accepted any cut of reward ney for himself, collecting only e of $15 a day and expenses.

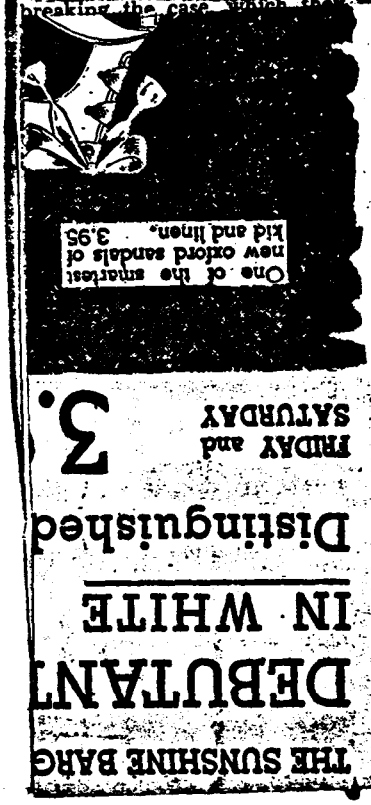
Prosecutor Assails Scaffa

But United States Attorney ams assailed Scaffa, charging t a "corrupt agreement with re- d to a criminal act" existed in Miami case.

"It will be said that this man is person of good character," Mr. ams told Federal Judge Caffey a hearing in chambers. "I take ue with that statement in ad- nce. This man is a police officer the State of New York in his pacity of private detective. He s proved himself unworthy of t title and unworthy of our ust."

Working with unusual secrecy, the Bureau of Investigation agents and the United States Attorney's office have been working for more than a month to break the Miami case. Scaffa has testified several times before the Grand Jury.

Although no indictments have been filed by the Grand Jury, it is understood that at least one and probably several secret indictments have been voted and are ready for presentation to the court today.



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GEM RACKET HOLDS 3 MORE

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Contento, owner of the fashionable Embassy Club in Miami, was here planning to open a new large Nsw York night club. He was taken into custody 24 hours after Noel Scaffa, private detective, was arrested on a charge of violating Federal law by transporting stolen gems between States.

Taken into custody with Contento were two of his associates, who are to be arraigned with him, probably today. Their names were not disclosed, nor were the charges against the three revealed.

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JEWEL GUARD HELD

Theft Plot Charged to Detective

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Federal Judge Caffee set Scaffa's hearing for June 13. U. S. Assistant Attorney Francis W. H. Adams told the court Scaffa had entered into a corrupt agreement with robbers who stole $185,000 in jewels from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami.

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The charge was sworn to by William B. Moran, special agent of the Department of Justice. Federal Judge Francis [illegible] Gaffey fixed bail at $10,000.

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SCAFFA SEIZED BY U. S. AGENTS

Federal "G-Men" last night secretly held and questioned Noel Scaffa, famous private detective and gem retriever.

He was seized by Justice Department operatives at 5:30 P. M. and closeted in examination in the local bureau of investigation.

Attorney I. Bregoff, counsel for the noted sleuth, charged that Scaffa was held illegally and threatened to institute habeas corpus action.

Some three hours after the special agents brought Scaffa to their offices, one emerged from the locked chambers to procure a tray of food.

"Sure, we've got him," admitted the operative. "It's a very lovely little party."

"Is he bleeding yet?" asked Bregoff, ejected from the bureau's headquarters even when he appeared with a uniformed policeman.

The Department of Justice agent merely laughed and shook his head.

Scaffa recently was examined by the Federal Grand Jury in connection with the $185,000 jewel rob-

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NOEL SCAFFA

Scaffa Held For Grilling By U.S. Men

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bery in Miami last January of Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer.

Charles Cali and Nicholas Cali, Brooklyn hoodlums, were convicted of robbery in the case after peculiar circumstances in connection with the return of the gems. Scaffa was credited with their return.

Bregoff said that he made a "deal" with Francis W. H. Adams, newly appointed acting United States District Attorney, to surrender Scaffa at any time.

When his client was "kidnaped" late yesterday by the "G-Men," according to the lawyer, he communicated with Adams, who assured him that no indictments or warrants had been returned against Scaffa.

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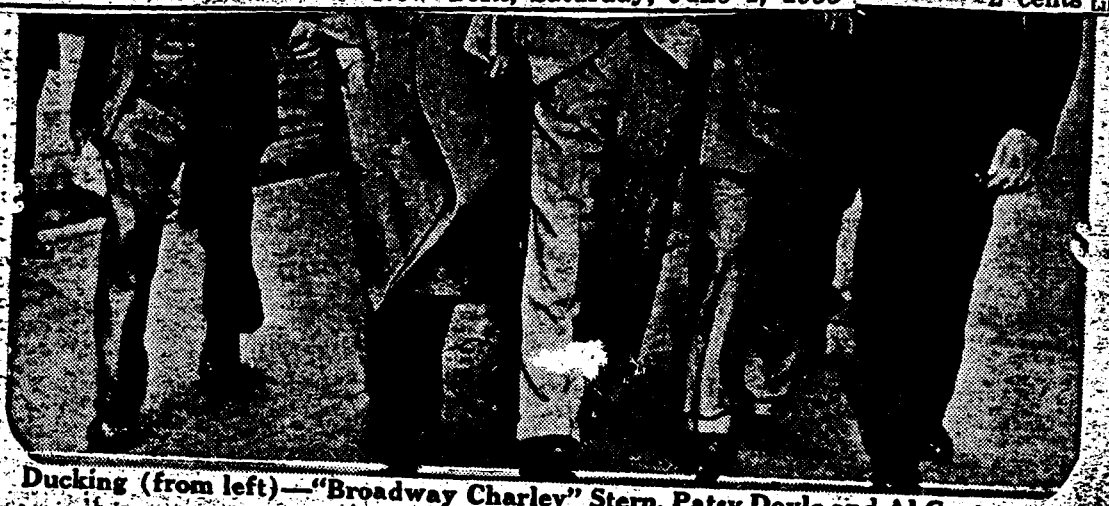
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Ducking (from left)—"Broadway Charley" Stern, Patsy Doyle and Al Contento. (Mirror)

NO COVER CHARGE was exacted from Al Contento, the well known "cover charge" man (right), of Broadway, Saratoga and Miami, as he played ostrich with two other "big shots" outside Federal Court. They are enmeshed in Uncle Sam's "Raffles" investigation



BLOWN UP—While Luigi Annunciani, his wife and 8 children were



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Racket King ... signed by Uncle Sam



Frank Costello (left) confers with his attorney, Moe Polakoff, in the Supreme Court where Costello was described as "King of New York's Slot Machine Racket." He was one of the four Broadway "Big Shots" arraigned in Uncle Sam's gem investigation. Bail was set at $7,500.

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fraud. His profession is gambling at the racetracks.

"Dykes, I have reason to believe, was about to flee the country when arrested. I ask $15,000 for him and Stern."

Contento and Dykes were represented by Col. Louis Landes, attorney, who stepped forward to protest against this bail.

Contento himself interrupted.

"I own a warehouse at 231 E. 55th St., which does a million dollar business—and I've paid income tax on it," he told Commissioner Cotter virtuously. "And I've just leased a restaurant at 120 E. 59th St., which will be operated by Joe Zelli. That proves that I'm honest!"

Col. Landes added a description of Contento's glittering Saratoga and Miami night clubs, where the elite gather to drink, dance and gamble. He even pointed out that Contento had a liquor license.

Costello's counsel, Moses Polakoff, pointed out that his client had given himself up voluntarily a few hours before.

"Well, if he hadn't he'd have been here anyhow," Adams interjected.



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Four Are Held As Conspirators In Scaffa Case

U. S. Accuses A. J. Costello and 3 Others of Plot to Transport Jewelry Here

Two in Jail Also Named

Night Club Operator Unable to Obtain $10,000 Bail

New York, all of whose names are familiar to the sporting world, were arraigned yesterday before Garrett W. Cotter, United States Commissioner, on charges of conspiring to transport more than $150,000 worth of jewelry from Miami, Fla., to New York, knowing the gems to be stolen property. Apprehension of the four followed closely the arrest of Joel Charles Scaffa, private detective, indicted on Thursday in $50,000 bail on a charge of arranging the conveyance of the jewels from New York to Miami.

The alleged conspirators were:

Albert J. Costello, alias Al Howard, who owned the Embassy Club in Miami, the Kennedy Club here, which moved suddenly from 151 East Fifty-seventh Street a year and a half ago; the Brook and Piping Rock Clubs, in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. He was a partner in the King Packer Storage Warehouse, at 321 East Fifty-fifth Street, which gained $1,600,000 business in 1934, as well as having an interest in the Park Avenue Restaurant, 190 East Fifty-eighth Street. According to the government, he has been convicted on a narcotic law violation and for mail fraud. He is now at liberty on $1,000 bail on a Florida gambling charge.

Frank Costello One of Four Held

Frank Costello, of 241 Central Park West, generally considered to be one of the big shots in the slot machine racket, with a heavy interest in the Mills Novelty Company, of Chicago, maker of the machines. He was under investigation by the New York police for his alleged activities in slot machines and gin games. Costello is a friend of "Dandy Phil" Kastel, former bucket shop operator, also a slot machine kingpin. Costello was connected with the Mills Company's offices at 1560 Broadway when they were raided a year ago.

Charles A. Stern, alias Charles Sternberg, alias Broadway Charlie, is a disbarred attorney, who was convicted in 1928 of perjury and defrauding the government out of $460,000 income taxes on his bootlegging profits. He was sentenced to serve five years in Federal prison.

Pasquale Tieri, alias Patsy Dyke, has no criminal record and is considered an associate of Costello.

Bail for Costello was set at $10,000, for Costello $7,500 and $5,000 each for the other two. Costello was the only one of the quartet able to obtain bond. He was released late in the afternoon, while his fellow defendants were packed off to the Federal House of Detention, 427 West Street, to spend the night.

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Arrested in Scaffa Case



Associated Press Photo
Ryan Costello, ...

"They — ... obligations to meet them today. The first man I saw engaged in bookmaking at the race track, if he plies the trade honestly, is not to be held against him. I wish to bring it to your honor's attention also in fixing the amount of bail that my client voluntarily surrendered here."

Mr. Adams rejoined, "If he hadn't surrendered he would have been taken into custody anyway."

Colonel Lewis Landes, counsel for Costello, said his client was a "respected business man," had been engaged in the restaurant business in New York, Saratoga and elsewhere, and that his criminal record was twenty-two years old.

When Commissioner Cotter finally fixed bail Mr. Adams said, "I don't wish to criticize, but I believe your honor has fixed bail at low figures."

Though resulting from the jewel robbery, the complaint against Scaffa and that against the four held yesterday were separate, Mr. Adams said, in reply to questions by Commissioner Cotter.

Says Montana Worked for Costello

According to dispatches from Miami, I. O. Scarboro, chief of detectives there, said that he understood Costello brought Montana and Call there last winter as employes in the Embassy Club. Montana also worked for the night club operator in the Brook Club in Saratoga, he said. Scarboro succeeded Eugene H. Bryant, who resigned immediately after the trial of the robbers.

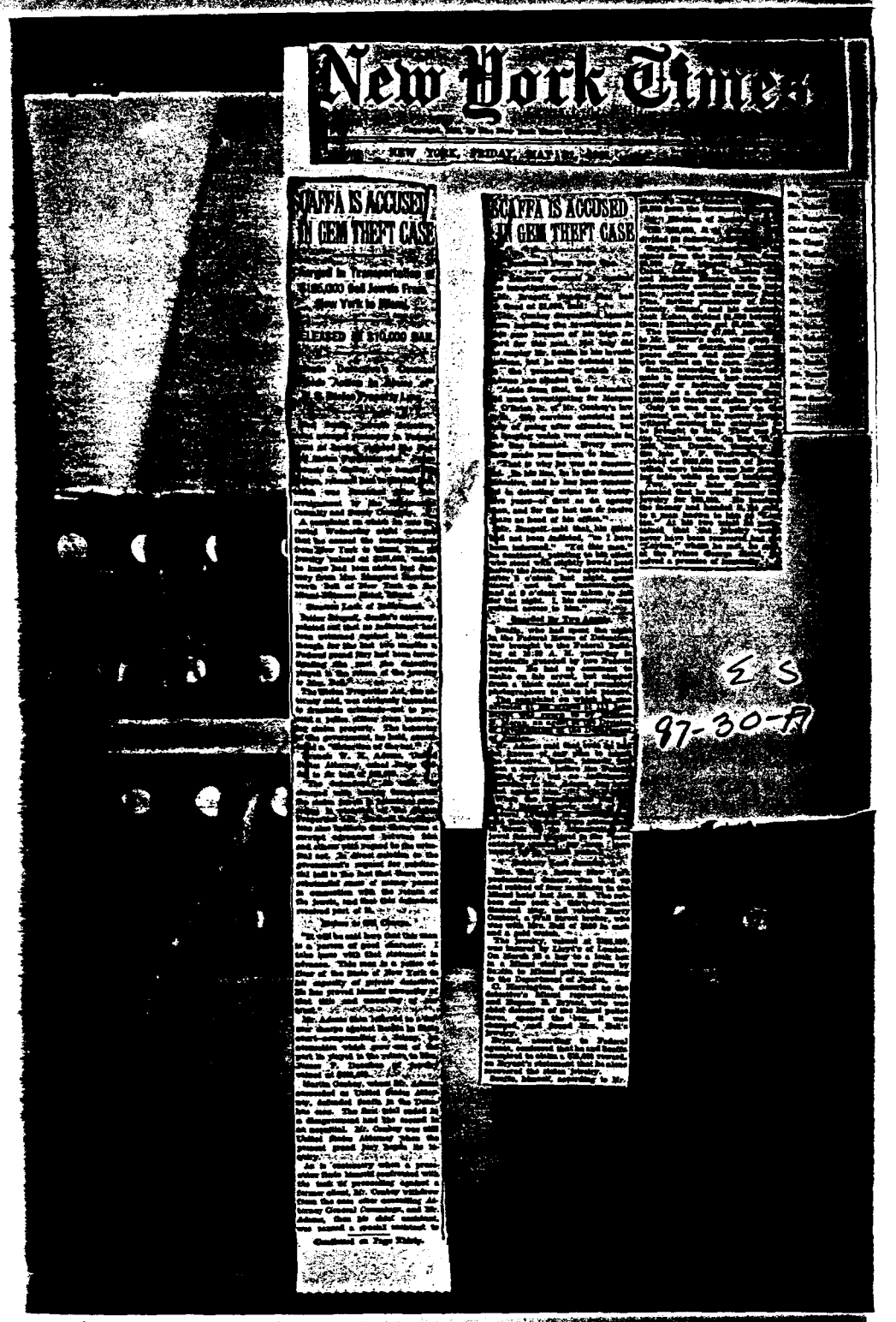
During the trial Montana stated that he was a close friend of Costello. Bryant, as a witness, admitted that he had "recovered" the stolen jewelry from a locker with a key given him by Scaffa.

Colonel Landes said newspaper men that he expected bail would be supplied today for the three prisoners. Federal Building attendants were surprised that Costello would not obtain his bond yesterday, as the man is generally considered a wealthy bookmaker. Those of the Federal authorities would discuss the Montgomery case, and Scaffa at the doors.

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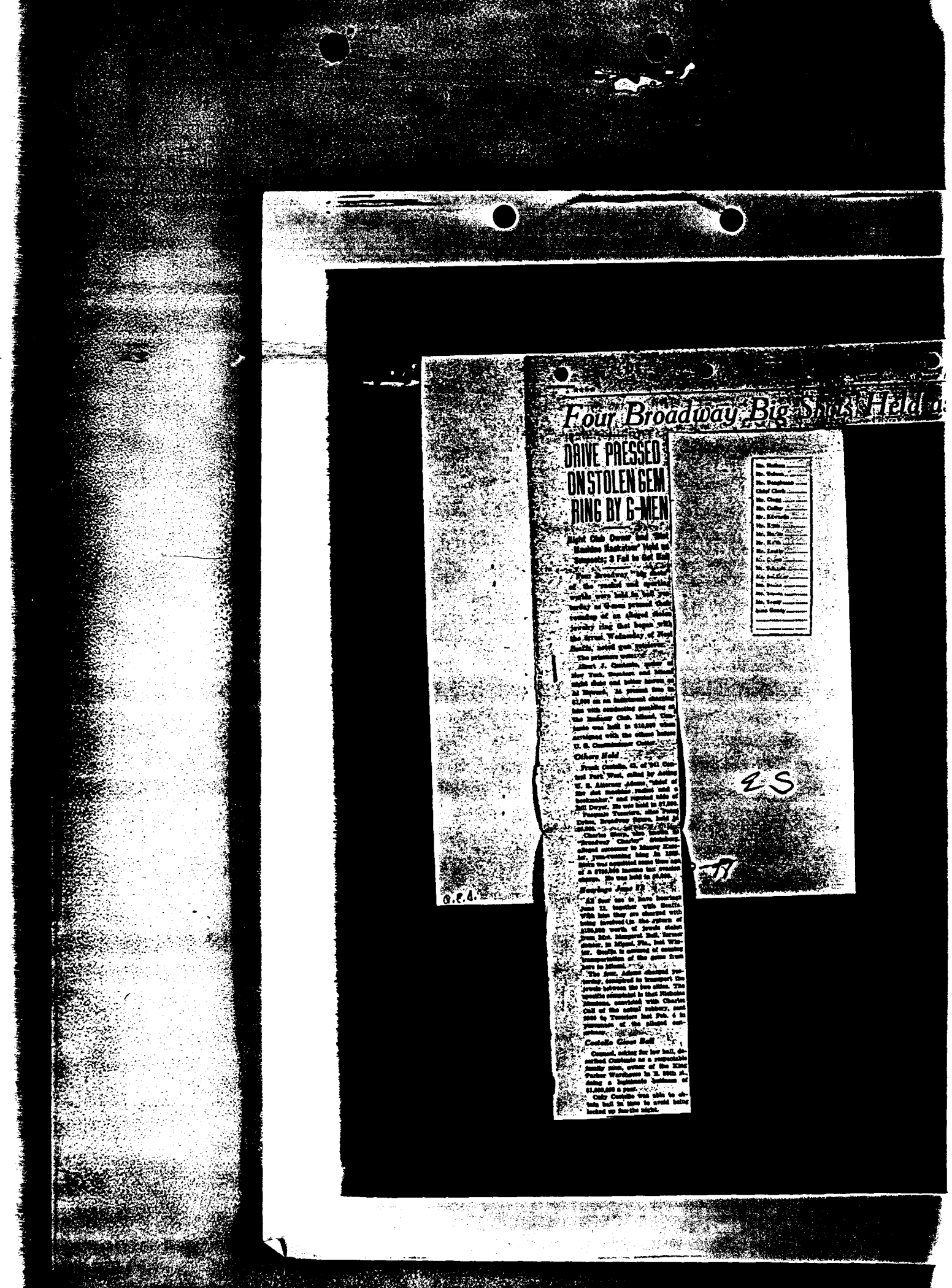
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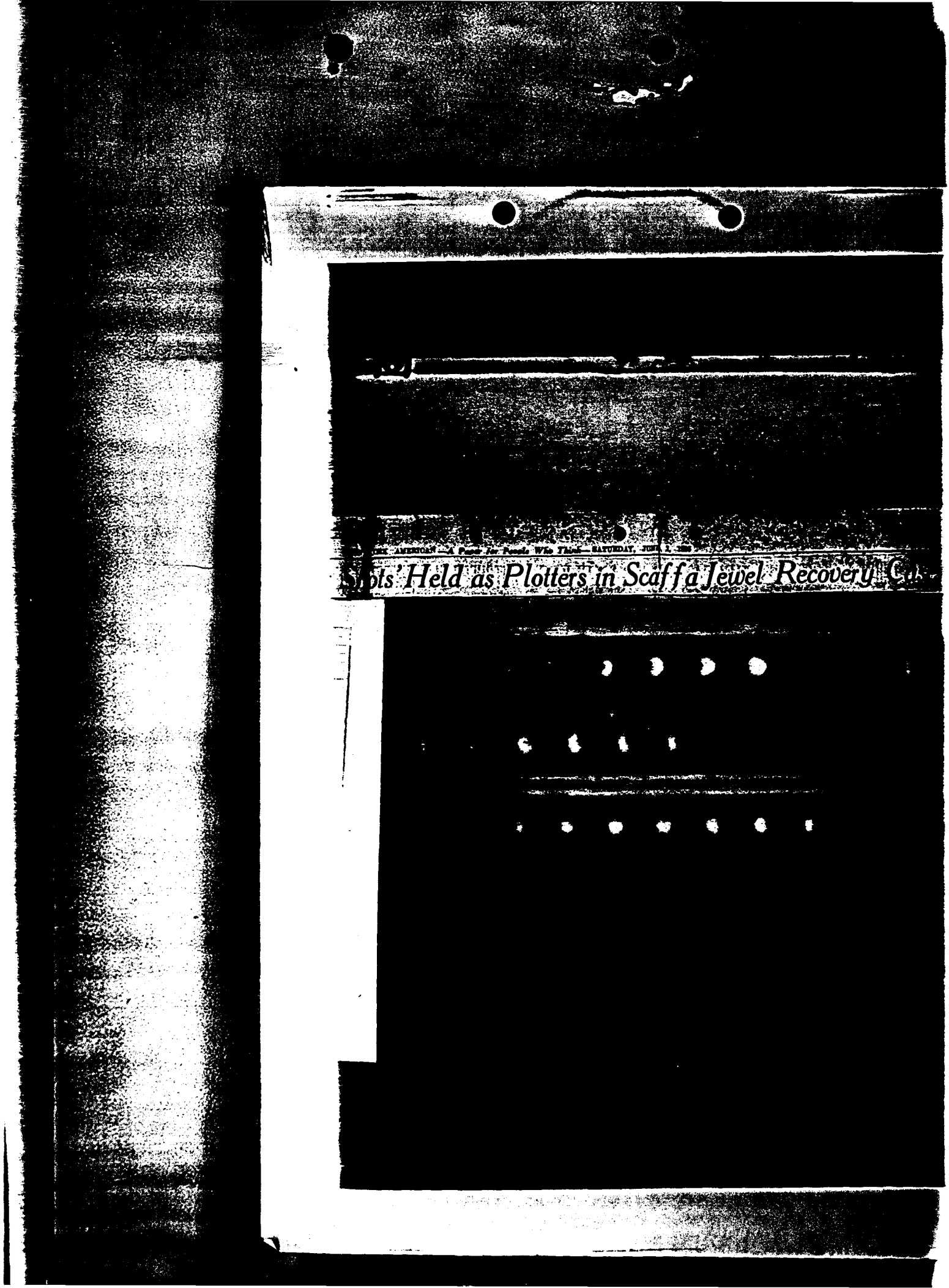
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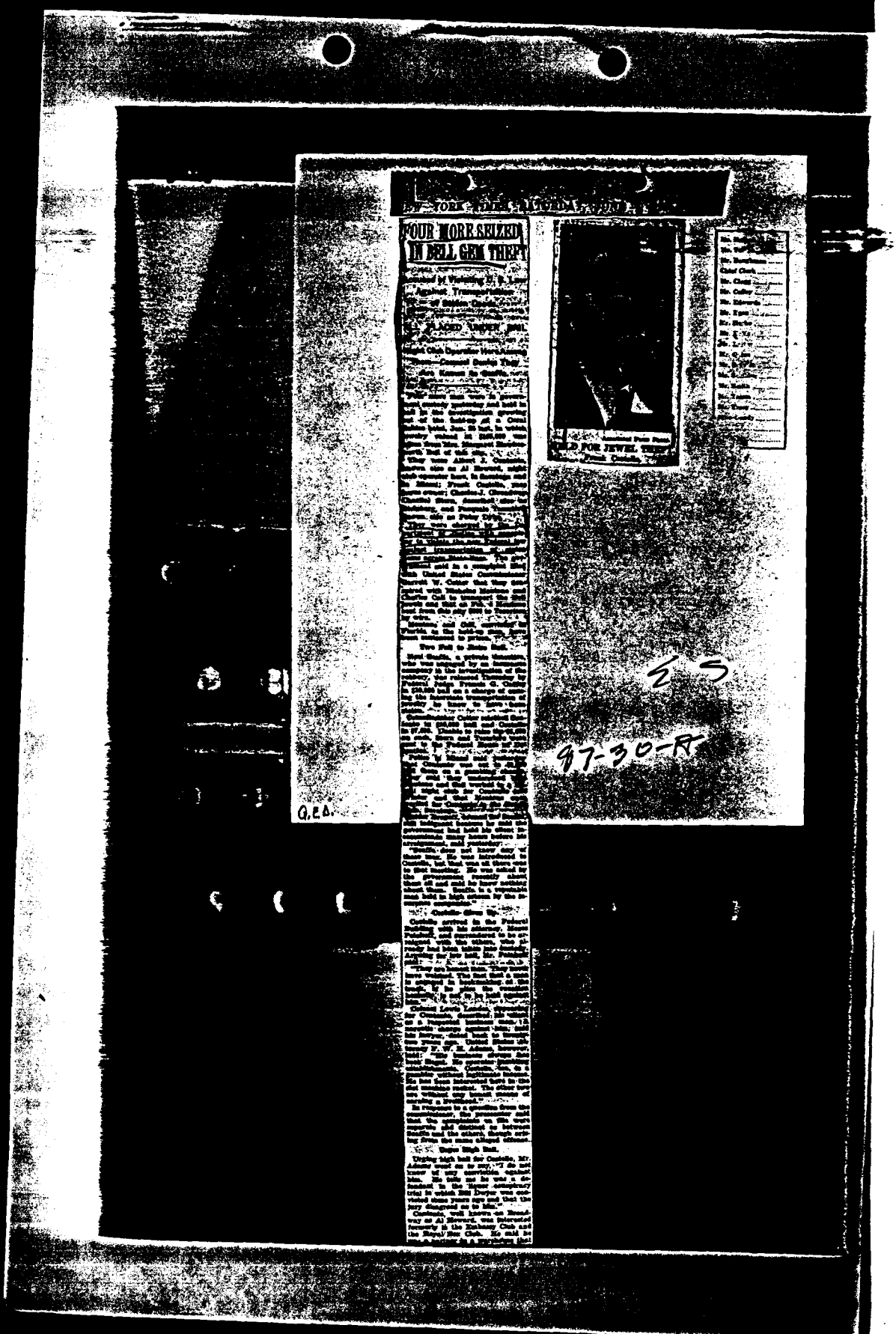
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DRIVE PRESSED ON STOLEN GEM RING BY G-MEN





FOUR MORE SEIZED IN BELL GEM THEFT

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FOUR B'WAY BIG SHOTS IN GEM NET

Night Club Owner, Slot Machine King, Lawyer Follow Scaffa

(Picture on Page 2.)

Four of Broadway's biggest [illegible], and a lawyer, on a [illegible] rule and the other three kings of pari and present tickets from booze to slot machines, were in Jail today by U. S. Commissioner Cotter on conspiring to steal $165,000 in jewels.

Contento, better known in New York's night life and sporting circles as Al Howard, who during the past season operated the fashionable Embassy Club in Miami, was held in $10,000 bond.

Contento, during the prohibition era operated the swanky Embassy and Royal Box clubs in New York, the latter enterprise with Joe Zelli, famous Paris night club impresario.

He planned shortly to re-open The Park Ave., with Zelli, one of the smartest of the prohibition hot spots.

SLOT MACHINE CZAR.

Frank Costello, slot machine czar and one-time bootleg merchant of imposing financial rating, was held in $7,500 bail.

Charles J. Steinberg, disbarred attorney who was sued by the Government for more than a million of back income taxes which he failed to pay from a prodigious fortune made in illicit booze, was held in $5,000 bond. Steinberg is more popularly known as "Broadway Charlie Stern."

Paley Dyke, whose real name is Pasquale Teoriori, and who has been seen frequently around the Capitol in Albany on missions surrounded with an aura of secrecy, was required to post $5,000 bond.

All four were arrested within 24 hours after Hoel Scaffa, private detective, was taken into custody and held in $10,000 bond. However, Scaffa is accused only of conspiring to transport the jewels, stolen in New York from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, to Miami, where they were recovered.

The men arraigned today are charged not only with that, but

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went the Weyerhaeuser house [illegible] day with curious eyes viewing the saddened home.

RANSOM NOT PAID.

Balcom, a close friend [illegible] the Weyerhaeusers had sugg[illegible] as an intermediary in ransom negotiations, positively said the ransom had not yet been paid nor has further contact been established with the abductors.

Balcom issued that statement following a report a second ransom note had been received by the parents.

SECRET RULES.

Contents of the missive, according to the report, were being carefully guarded—and that was assigned as the reason for Balcom's statement no further contact had been received.

It was reported the purported second ransom note contained instructions of utmost secrecy and

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GIANTS CLOUT RHEM EARLY

BATTING ORDER.
FIRST GAME.

GIANTS.	BOSTON.
J. Moore, lf.	Urbanski, ss.
Ripple, ss.	Jordan, 1b.
Terry, 1b.	Lee, lf.
Ott, 3b.	Berger, cf.
Kelber, cf.	Mowry, rf.
Davis, rf.	Whitney, 3b.
Cuccinello, 2b.	Cesarari, 2b.
Mancuso, c.	Hogan, c.
Schumacher, p.	Rhem, p.

Umpires—Klem, Magerkurth and Barr.

By Garry Schumacher.

BRAVES' FIELD, BOSTON, May 31.—The Giants opened a five-game set against the Boston Braves with a doubleheader here this afternoon. Only a small crowd, and these few the ladies'

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Own Death Foretold by Fortune Teller

DETROIT, Mich., May 31 (By International News Service).—Mrs. Olga Neidzalkowski, 23, amateur fortune teller, foretold her own murder and today her husband, Bernard, 23, was held by authorities for killing her with a shotgun.

He has confessed the crime, authorities claimed.

Mrs. Elsie Abrich, a friend with whom Mrs. Neidzalkowski lived, recalled the fortune-teller prophesied her own death Wednesday night.

LaGuardia Seizes Nightsticks of Two Market Watchmen

After another of his surprise excursions about the city, Mayor LaGuardia came to City Hall today swinging two nightsticks which he wrenched from the grasp of two special watchmen at the Bronx Terminal Market.

The Mayor asserted he didn't mind watchmen having clubs when on special duty at night.

"But I saw no reason for their carrying the clubs in the daytime," he added.

Market Commissioner William Fellowes Morgan, Jr., and his first deputy, Carl Kimball, witnessed the Mayor's exploit.

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commissioner, the prosecutor said that the complaints on file were separate and distinct as between Scaffa and the others, though arising from the same alleged offense.

Urges High Bail.

Urging high bail for Costello, Mr. Adams went on to say: "I do not know of any conviction against him. He tells me he was a defendant in the liquor conspiracy trial in which Bill Dwyer was convicted some years ago and that the jury disagreed as to him."

Contento, well known on Broadway as Al Howard, was interested formerly in the Embassy Club and the Royal Box Club. He said he was a partner in a warehouse that did more than $1,000,000 of business a year.

Government representatives declined to say whether other arrests were in prospect or when grand jury indictments might be filed, if at all. Nor was any comment forthcoming on Scaffa's complaint that he was held incomunicado many hours and not permitted to see his attorney.

The Federal grand jury has examined several witnesses in the alleged illegal transportation of the jewels. Among them was Scaffa.

Besides Mrs. Bell, the hold-up men also robbed Harry Content, New York broker, at the same time, taking a small amount of money. Montone and Cali are under sentence of twenty-five years each following their conviction in a Florida State court.

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SIDEWALKS of NEW YORK

Louis Gives Some Show When He K.O.'s Harris: —Baer Couldn't Do It.

Embarrassing Moment Smith Drives the Pill Then—Curses—A Miss

By W. S. (Bill) Farnsworth,
Sports Editor.

Ran into little Lester Allen on the Stem...All excited...Because "I am starting on a career" he piped..."Eleven weeks beginning at the Metropolitan in Brooklyn"...Times Square ganders were unable to keep appointments last night...Because they forgot to light the hands on the Paramount clock...Saw the closing performance of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and it was just about tops...The Players Club must have done all right by the week's engagement...The National was packed for every performance... Dr. Vincent Nardiello took a day off from serving out pills and WENT to Belmont Satiddy...Also he WENT for plenty...The charming Nordstrom sisters Dagmar and Siegfred were down at the dock when their mammy came in from Miami on the Shawnee ...Two Gotham dicks deserve plenty of credit for the recovery of the Margaret Hawksworth Bell gems and the ultimate arrests ...Namely, Mickey McNamara and Tom Fitzgerald...Somebody "Frenched" Colonel Jake Ruppert's bed at Lake Placid years ago and he's never forgotten it.

Under new racing laws in Florida, dogs can race all year round if they want to...That's what Dinty Dennis says... But horses confined to activities between Dec. 15 and April 15...That's a change from Dec. 1 to April 1...Florida wants extended season...Bill Dwyer almost sure to get better dates for his next meeting...They're strong for Bill down there.

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HELD IN STOLEN GEM CONSPIRACY CASE.



FRANK COSTELLO,

Alleged slot-machine racketeer, was arrested in New York, with three others, on Federal charges of conspiring to transport illegally $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen at Miami, Fla., from Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer. —A. P. Photo.

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JURY RECESSES IN GEM CASE

The Federal Grand Jury, reported ready to return five indictments, today continued its investigation of the $185,000 Miami jewel robbery which led to the arrest of Noel C. Scaffa, noted retriever of stolen gems.

The Grand Jury recessed for the day without voting the indictments but will continue its work tomorrow.

It was learned also that G-men are scurrying through the city for "Little Augie" Pisano, notorious chief of Brooklyn's labor racket, whom they want to question in connection with the theft of Mrs. Margaret Bell's jewels.

Investigators suspect that racetrack followers had something to do with the gem robbery, and revealed at the same time that Pisano of late has been active with the horses.

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ACT IN THE SCAFFA CASE

5 INDICTMENTS EXPECTED

Five indictments will be handed up in 48 hours by the Federal Grand Jury investigating the $185,000 jewel robbery of Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer, in Miami last Winter, it was learned last night.

Noel C. Scaffa, internationally known retriever of stolen gems, and four figures prominent in Broadway's gambling and night life already have been placed under arrest by G-men investigating the case.

It was learned that others are sought, including Brooklyn's notorious "Little Augie" Pisano, labor racket chief. Pisano has been active lately at race tracks, operating a stable of his own, and it is believed that persons involved in the Bell robbery were racetrack habitues.

THE LIST

The men under arrest with Scaffa are Frank Costello, widely known sporting character; Albert J. Contento, also prominent in the sports world as Al Howard; Charles A. Stern, known as "Broadway Charlie" Steinberg, and Pasquale Tesariere, alias Patsy Dykes.

Scaffa, who was instrumental in the recovery of Mrs. Bell's gems, is accused of causing the transportation of stolen property from New York to Miami, where the return was effected. The other four are charged with transportation of the gems in the opposite direction.

Scaffa and the others have been at liberty in bail ranging up to $10,000.

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NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1935

SCAFFA, COSTELLO INDICTED BY U. S.

5 Others Accused in Gem Case —Private Sleuth Also Charged With Perjury

Noel Scaffa collected and divided most of a $75,000 reward in the $185,000 Miami jewel case, it was charged today when the Federal Grand Jury indicted him, with Frank Costello, Albert J. Contento, "Broadway Charley" Stern and three lesser figures on charges of transportation and conspiracy to transport stolen jewels across State lines.

Heretofore it had been understood that no reward was actually paid. Scaffa always has contended he never accepted shares of rewards himself.

For this and other testimony before the Grand Jury, Scaffa was named on six counts in a separate perjury indictment.

At the request of their attorneys, most of those indicted will be allowed to surrender with their attorneys for pleading, instead of being required to face arrest and handcuffing. The exceptions are Nicholas Montone, alias Little Nicky, and Charles Cali, alias Charles Williams, who are under conviction of performing the actual robbery.

The seventh man indicted was Patsy Dyke.

Robbed in Miami Hotel

The indictments represent a triumph for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, made possible by the recently passed law making transportation of stolen property over State lines a Federal offense.

Last January Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell and Harry Content, New York broker, were robbed in a Miami hotel. Mr. Content's loss was inconsiderable but Mrs. Bell lost $185,000 in jewels. Montone and Cali were arrested. But an indictment against Montone was mysteriously quashed and Cali was allowed to plead guilty to second degree robbery, a small term offense.

The "G men," long aching for a chance to get at Scaffa and Costello and the rest, stepped in, though they dd not at first realize how big a conspiracy they would find.

They charged that Scaffa had been instrumental in arranging return of the jewels and that at a conference attended by his Miami agent, the chief of detectives, the prosecutor, the attorney for the thieves and others, had agreed to split a $15,000 reward in exchange for giving easy treatment to the thieves.

Then, today's indictment charges,

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Formation of a new division, the White Star Committee, which will seek to Americanize the American Mexican youths in this country, has

LEAGUE TO AID MEXICAN BORN

tive committee, to Elliott and James Roosevelt, sons of the President, was announced by John L. Mc-Carty, State president.

"It-they try anything like that, the roof will come off that convention hall," McCarthy said when he was told what Humphries had predicted.

Indicted in Crime

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the seven men named conspired for Scaffa to collect a reward from Lloyd's of London and split it. On March 3, says the indictment, he went to Montreal and returned with $75,000 in Canadian currency. On March 6 he received the jewelry, and on March 8 Contento took it from New York back to Miami for its "recovery" by police, says the charge.

Apparently $60,000 of the reward was divided. The $15,000 due for the Miami men was halted by the Federal investigation.

Scaffa's alleged perjury case when he was first summoned before the Grand Jury when he testified that he did not know how the jewelry was placed in a locker from which it was recovered could not identify any of the persons with whom he dealt in arranging its return and did not know where it was until March 18, just before it was recovered.

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SCAFFA INDICTED IN GEM THEFTS

NEW YORK, June 7 (I.N.S.).—Two indictments charging perjury and conspiracy to steal, transport, and return $185,000 worth of jewels owned by Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell for $75,000 today were returned by the Federal grand jury against Noel Scaffa, private detective who several times has been intermediary in negotiations for the return of stolen jewels. Scaffa was indicted alone on six counts of perjury and jointly with six others on the other charges.

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DAILY MIRROR Saturday, June 8, 1935

Indict 7 in Gem Thefts

Name Scaffa, 3 Big Shots As Plotters

The G-Men weren't kidding when they nabbed Al Howard, Broadway Charlie Stern and Frank Costello, men of many aliases and familiars of Park Ave., Miami and Palm Beach elite, and put them in the same boat with Noel Scaffa, internationally famed jewel retriever. For yesterday, a brace of indictments were returned on which the sporting worthies face 12 years in a Federal penitentiary on a charge of conspiring to steal the $185,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell.

The first indictment charges conspiracy alone and names Noel Scaffa, Charles Steinberg, alias "Broadway Charlie" Stern, Pasquale Tesoriere, alias Patsy Dyke; Albert J. Contento, alias Al Howard; Frank Costello, Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali.

TWO IN PRISON.

The last two named are serving 25-year prison terms in Florida

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Linked with Scaffa



FRANK COSTELLO.
G-men weren't kidding when they nabbed him.

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SLEUTH SCAFFA INDICTED BY U. S. ON TWO COUNTS

Accused in Connection with Gem Theft.

New York, June 7.—[Special.]—Noel Scaffa, the private detective whose exploits in recovering stolen jewelry have won him fame, was named in two indictments handed up today to Federal Judge William Bondy by the federal grand jury. He is accused of perjury and conspiracy to violate the stolen properties act, in connection with the theft and return of $180,500 worth of jewels, the property of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell.

Six others were named in the indictments on the conspiracy count. One of them is Charles Stern. An hour before the indictments were handed up Stern was arrested in a stolen bond case. He was taken at a midtown hotel. He was free on bail from the charges in the jewel case.

The others named in the conspiracy were Charles Cali, Nicholas Montone, Pasquale Tesoriere, Albert J. Contento, and Frank J. Costello. Montone and Cali are in a Florida prison.

The indictment alleges that it was part of the scheme that Scaffa should obtain from Lloyds of London, which had insured the jewelry, certain money for distribution to the men now indicted in exchange for the jewelry.

In pursuance of this conspiracy the indictment sets forth that Scaffa went to Montreal on March 3 and returned to New York two days later with $75,000 in Canadian currency. On March 6, it is charged, he received and had in his possession the jewelry, and on March 8 Contento left New York for Dade county.

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JURORS INDICT GEM SLEUTH

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Scaffa Accused in $185,000 Bell Robbery

NEW YORK, June 7 (U.S.). Two indictments charging perjury and conspiracy to steal, transport and return $185,000 worth of jewels owned by Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell for $75,000 today were returned by the Federal grand jury against Noel Scaffa, private detective, who several times has been intermediary in negotiations for the return of stolen jewels.

Scaffa was indicted alone on six counts of perjury and jointly with six others on the other charges. The others are Charles Cali, alias Williams, and Nicholas Montone, alias Nick Marlowe, now serving 25-year terms in Florida as the actual thieves; Pasquale Tessoriere, alias Patsy Dyke; Albert J. Content, alias Al Howard; Charles Sern, alias "Broadway Charlie" Stern, and ~~Steinberg,~~ and Frank Costello. All are Broadway figures.

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BOSS OF G-MEN TO PUSH CASE ON SCAFFA

Hoover Reported in N. Y. to Press Action by U. S.

Ready to invoke all the power of the Federal Government in the drive to convict Noel C. Scaffa, private sleuth, and six indicted with him in the Miami stolen gem recovery case, J. Edgar Hoover, boss of the G-men, was reported in town today.

His arrival from Washington was timed for a few hours after the Federal Grand Jury named Scaffa in two true bills—one charging perjury in which he appeared alone and the other specifying conspiracy with the other six men.

The perjury count held that the gem sleuth whose remarkable record of recovering stolen property baffled police, obtained $75,000 for distribution in the Miami case, although the reward previously announced was $18,500.

PLOT-DATE CITED.

The conspiracy indictment held that the conspiracy began Jan. 1. Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell's collection of $180,000 worth of jewelry was not stolen until Jan. 26.

Named with Scaffa in the latter indictment were "Broadway Charlie" Stern, Mickey Montone, Al Howard, Patsy Dyke, Charlie Williams and Frank Costello.

The Federal Grand Jury charged that three weeks before the gems were snatched it had been agreed that Scaffa would return them to Lloyds of London, who insured them, for $75,000.

The cash allegedly was paid in Canadian currency March 3, Scaffa returning to New York and receiving the gems the next day, according to the indictment. Al Howard was accused of taking the jewelry back to Miami. The gems finally were dropped on the seat of a police detective's automobile.

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Monday, June 10, 1935 N.Y. DAILY MIRROR

U. S. GUARD FOR SCAFFA WITNESS

By HETTIE CATTELL.

Mrs. Margaret Bell, former Follies dancer, now the wife of J. E. Bell, stock broker, is having the unique experience of traveling under guard of Federal detectives.

As one of the 30 witnesses who will be called by the Department of Justice in the trial of the miracle-finder of jewels, Noel Scaffa, indicted with six underworld characters on charges of perjury and conspiracy in connection with her loss and recovery of $250,000 worth of platinum and diamond - studded trinkets, Mrs. Bell is causing the Federal sleuths considerable concern.

The Government investigators will not say that they believe violence may be attempted against their witnesses, but aides of the Department of Justice have stated that they have reason to believe that their witnesses "might be compelled to leave the city."

To direct the case and to plan to keep the net drawn tightly around the witnesses, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, is here.



Frank Costello.

Mrs. Bell is the central figure of the case, as loser of the jewelry which was taken from her by two men a few minutes after she returned from Hialeah Park races to her suite in the Miami Biltmore Hotel, Miami, Jan. 26. At the time of the robbery, she and Harry Content, 71, stockbroker, were together. Both were tied hand and foot while the thieves took the jewelry and then made their departure.

According to the Federal men, Nicholas Montone, one of the two serving 25-year sentences in a Florida penitentiary in connection with the Bell case, was an acquaintance of Dr.

Travels Under Guard



MRS. MARGARET BELL.
Victim of jewel robbery has detective escort.

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May also be worn by girls.

Cotton mesh weave with metal slide fastener. Short sleeves. White, blue and maize. Small, 6 and 8 years; medium, 10 and 12 years, and large sizes, 14 and 16 years.

Basement—Main 1 and 2

prejudices, to be used in passing on all the other New Deal disputes now on their way up to the highest tribunal in the land.

Although Franklin Roosevelt last week seemed to feel that the implications of the Court's NIRA decision outlawed the whole New Deal (see p. 11), more disinterested observers saw in that decision just two touchstones which might be used to gauge the Court's probable reaction to other legislation: 1) unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority and 2) unconstitutional attempts to stretch Congress' power to regulate "commerce between the States" to include acts which only remotely affect interstate commerce.

Prime New Deal laws and proposed laws which the Court in its new home will probably pass on:

¶ The Agricultural Adjustment Act, which gives the Secretary of Agriculture power to fix processing taxes. The Hoosick Mills Corp. of Boston has a case in the Circuit Court of Appeals questioning the constitutionality of this delegation of power. Furthermore, if the proposed AAAmendments are passed, the power which the Secretary would have to license distributors of farm products will doubtless be questioned as exceeding the power to regulate interstate commerce.

¶ The Bankhead Act, which places a 50% tax on all cotton raised by growers in excess of quotas allotted to them.

¶ The Reciprocal Tariff Act, under which the President negotiates three-year trade pacts setting up new tariff rates on specific items, a delegation of tariff-making power which many a tariff-protected manufacturer will jump to protest.

¶ The Wagner Labor bill, which proposes to regulate labor relations on the ground that failure to do so encourages strikes which affect interstate commerce.

The Securities Exchange Act, the proposed Public Utilities Holding Company bill, the Social Security bill, all will probably be questioned on constitutional grounds, but it does not strictly follow from the NIRA decision that they will be declared unconstitutional. In every case the Supreme Court will decide whether Congress has delegated power recklessly or under proper limitations, whether any business is interstate or intrastate and whether a given practice directly affects interstate commerce.

An adverse decision regarding certain features of these laws may not wreck them as last fortnight's decision wrecked NIRA. Congress still has the two great powers on which it has always relied, the power to tax and the power to give away money —penalty and bribe. With these powers a multitude of wheels can be made to go around for a long time to come.

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Retriever in Trouble

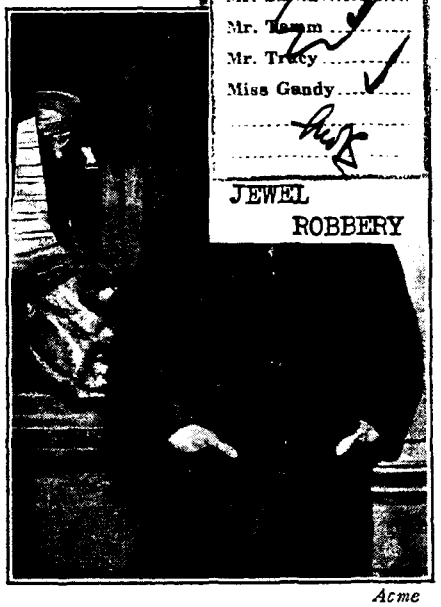
Noel Charles Scaffa, most famed of U. S. private detectives, specializes not in catching crooks but in retrieving the things they steal. Last week his specialty landed him, a handcuffed prisoner, in a Federal courtroom in Manhattan and in the thick of Federal racket charges.

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JEWEL ROBBERY



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PRIVATE DETECTIVE SCAFFA

A fortnight after Mrs. Donahue took a bath . . .

his own. Ten years ago fame and trouble came to him hand in hand.

On Sept. 30, 1925 some $600,000 worth of jewelry disappeared from the Manhattan hotel room of Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue, while the daughter of the founder of the 5 & 10¢ store fortune was taking a bath. On Oct. 13 Noel Scaffa walked into police headquarters, laid down a brown paper parcel containing all the jewels. He had got them, he said later, from one Sam Layton in exchange for a $65,000 reward posted by the company with which Mrs. Donahue had insured her jewels. On Oct. 23 Chief Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora had Scaffa indicted for compounding a felony by allowing "Sam Layton" to escape. The first trial resulted in a hung jury, the second in a directed verdict of acquittal.

Detective Scaffa had, however, learned his lesson. Thereafter police found him friendly, co-operative—in return grew less inquisitive about his methods. He got back $200,000 worth of stolen property for Wanamaker's department store, a $40,000 pearl for Mrs. Joshua S. Cosden, jewels worth $81,000 for Singer Grace Moore, made another retrieve from the famous Sitamore loot. Soon he had 20 operatives working for him, was earning $25,000 per year. Local police were grateful for the effort and embarrassment he saved them. And then, last year, Congress passed the National Stolen Property Act making interstate transportation of stolen goods a Federal offense and giving Department of Justice agents a legal toe-hold on many big robberies.

In the Miami Biltmore Hotel last January two masked men stripped Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, onetime *Follies* dancer, of jewels insured at $185,000, took watch and cash from her companion Harry Content, 74-year-old Manhattan broker. Two petty thieves were shortly picked up, charged with the crime. For lack of identification one was let off. The other was given a short penitentiary sentence. Meantime Miami's chief of detectives turned up with the jewels, announcing that someone had obligingly tossed them into his automobile.

There the matter might have rested had not the Miami Biltmore's owner, Utilitarian Henry Latham Doherty, remembered the Stolen Property Act. Department of Justice agents reopened the case, got the two thieves sentenced to 25 years in prison. More important, the Miami chief of detectives informed them that it was Noel Scaffa who had delivered the jewels, that a split of the insurance company's $15,000 reward had been planned with a Scaffa operative in for $1,000. A Federal Grand Jury in New York promptly summoned Detective Scaffa for questioning. Chief J. Edgar Hoover let it be known that his Federal Bureau of Investigation was about to crack open a criminal ring which would make the late John Dillinger & gang look like apple-snitchers.

It is more economical for companies like Federal Insurance Co., employing Noel Scaffa, to pay a 10% reward for the return of stolen jewels than to pay the full value to their owners. It is safer and more profitable for thieves to secure that reward than to try to dispose of their loot through "fences." It is also obvious that, as connecting link between complaisant insurance company and eager thief, a detective like Scaffa is in an exceedingly tempting position. How large did Scaffa loom in the current picture?

In Manhattan last week Federal agents suddenly clapped Scaffa into jail on a charge of having violated the Stolen Property Act by transporting the Bell jewels back from New York to Florida after the robbery. Two days later their net widened to include four notorious Broadway characters charged with complicity in the crime. Scaffa's attorney, his mind whirling with headlines about interstate commerce, commenced to argue that the Supreme Court's Schechter decision had invalidated the Stolen Property Act as well as the NIRA. The judge promptly shut him up, fixed Scaffa's bail at $10,000.

Fine Boy's Return

At 4 o'clock one morning last week, just before he was going out to milk his cows, John Bonifas, a chicken farmer of Issaquah, Wash., heard a knock on his

See other side.

THE NEW YORK SUN, TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1935.

PERJURY TRIAL OF SCAFFA SET

Attorney Asks Delay on 'International' Plea.

MUST FACE COURT JULY 2

Other Charge in the Miami Jewel Case Comes Later.

Trial of Noel C. Scaffa, private detective who became prominent through his ability to locate and secure the return of stolen jewelry and valuables, on the indictment returned last week charging him with perjury before the Federal Grand Jury, was set down for July 2 by Judge William Bondy today at the request of Chief Assistant United States Attorney Howard Carter.

The Government indicated a strong desire to get this charge against Scaffa out of the way before beginning the more serious business of trying Scaffa and six codefendants on the indictment to which they pleaded not guilty today and which charges them with conspiracy and violation of the Federal stolen property act in connection with the Bell-Content jewel robbery last January in Miami Beach, Fla.

Those arraigned on this second indictment included Scaffa, whose bail of $10,000 was continued; Frank Costello, held in $7,500; Pasquale Tesoriere, $5,000; Albert Contente, $10,000, and Charles Stern, $5,000 bail. Two others named in this indictment, Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone, are at present being held in Florida where they are under twenty-five-year prison sentences for their part in the robbery.

No date was set for the trial of the second indictment and when July 2 was set for the trial of perjury indictment, in which Scaffa alone is named, his counsel, Isidore Bregoff, protested vigorously, puzzled as to how perjury before a Federal Grand Jury could be an international crime and told Mr. Bregoff he was "undoubtedly minimizing his ability as a lawyer when he claimed he couldn't prepare for trial by July 2."

The indictments grow out of the investigation by the Department of Justice agents of the theft and return of $185,500 worth of jewels from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former dancer, and her escort, Harry Content, Wall Street broker, while they were members of a party in the Miami Biltmore Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., last January 26.

The jewels were returned on March 18 after Scaffa had been called into the case by Lloyd's of London, which had insured the jewels. The indictments charge that the theft was part of a conspiracy which was planned by the defendants as early as January 1 and the sum of $75,000 is mentioned as having been paid to Scaffa for distribution to others to secure the return of the jewels.

The perjury indictment contains six counts covering alleged misstatements made by Scaffa to the Grand Jury during the investigation. In these he denied generally any knowledge of the whereabouts of the jewels prior to March 18 or any knowledge of how they were returned.

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SCAFFA GEM TRIAL IS SET FOR JULY 2

But Judge Bondy Will Consider Plea for Delay

The Government pressed for early trial of Noel Scaffa today when the private detective and four other men were arraigned on charges growing out of the $185,000 Margaret Hawkes Bell jewel theft in Miami.

Chief Assistant United States Attorney Carter asked that a perjury charge against Scaffa be brought to trial July 2. Isidor Bregoff, his counsel, protested that he could not prepare the case in that time. Judge Bondy said he thought Mr. Bregoff was underestimating his ability and set the case for the date asked, but indicated he would hear a later plea for postponement.

Scaffa alone is charged with perjury. He and Albert J. Contento, Frank Costella, Broadway Clarley Stern and Patsy Dyke all pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiring to transport and transporting stolen jewelry.

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Trial Due July 2 For Noel Scaffa

NEW YORK, June 12.—Noel Scaffa, gem retriever, [illegible]rested in connection with the [illegible] of $185,000 in jewelry in [illegible] be tried July 2. [illegible] charged with perj[illegible] out of the theft [illegible] from Mrs. Mas[illegible] Bell January 26.

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N.Y. DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1935

PERJURY TRIAL SET, SCAFFA DENIES GUILT

Trial of Noel Scaffa on a perjury charge in connection with the return of $185,500 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell in Miami, Fla., last Jan. 26, was set for July 2 in Federal Court yesterday by Judge William Bondy.



Noel Scaffa (left) and Frank Costello leave Federal Building after appearance in court yesterday.

Judge Bondy refused Scaffa's request for a delay, and continued him in $10,000 bail after the private detective pleaded not guilty to the perjury indictment and to another indictment charging conspiracy to violate the Federal stolen property act.

Four Others Deny Guilt.

Four of the six men indicted with Scaffa on the conspiracy indictment also pleaded not guilty and were continued in bail.

Albert J. Contento, alias Al Howard, was held in $10,000 bail; Frank Costello, slot machine and night club magnate, in $7,500; Charles A. Stern, alias Broadway Charlie, and Pasquale Tesorieri, alias Patsy Dyke, in $5,000 each. No date was set for the conspiracy trial.

Theft Details Bared.

Facts concerning the theft and alleged transportation of the jewels stolen from Mrs. Bell at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, and the theft of a watch, at the same time and place, from Harry Content, broker, will be spread on the record of Scaffa's trial as a background for the Government's charge that false statements were made and sworn to by Scaffa when and after he returned the jewels.

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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1935

Noel Scaffa's Perjury Trial Set for July 2

Gem Sleuth Held on Charge Growing Out of $185,000 Jewel Robbery in Miami

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective particularly adept at recovering stolen jewelry, will stand trial on July 2 for perjury, an indictment that arose from his testimony before a Federal grand jury investigating the theft and subsequent recovery of $185,000 in gems from Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer, at Miami, Fla., last January 26.

Looking glum, sleepy and dazed, Scaffa stood before Judge William Bondy in United States District Court yesterday and heard his trial date set. J. Howard Carter, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, demanded an early date for trial, but just as vigorously Isidore Bregoff, Scaffa's attorney opposed this motion, asking for eight weeks in which to prepare his case.

Lawyer Pleads for More Time

"This is a ver serious charge," Mr. Bregoff said, "and if the defendant should be convicted under the counts contained in this indictment, he might spend the rest of his life in prison. Mr. Scaffa is a man of standing with an excellent reputation, and is at the present time engaged in ver serious enterprises in his profession The allegations cover international activities so that it may be necessary for me to frame queries to be answered in Canada and in states other than New York."

Judge Bondy replied to the request by stating that he failed to see that a crime committed within the United States had international complications.

"I believe, Mr. Bregoff, that you are underestimating your own ability," the court responded and then set the day of trial with bail continued at $10,000.

Four Others Arraigned

On the second indictment, charging conspiracy and violation of the Federal stolen property act, which prohibits the transportation in interstate commerce of any stolen goods, Scaffa was arraigned with four others, but no date for trial was set. Bail was fixed at $10,000 for Albert J. Contento, alias "Al" Howard; $7,500 for Frank Costello, night club owner, and $5,000 each for Charles A. Stern, also known as "Broadway Charlie," and Pasquale Testorieri, alias Patsy Dyke.

The jewels, which have caused Scaffa much worriment, were stolen from Mrs. Bell and her escort, Harry Content, Wall Street broker, while they attended a party in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, in Miami. Lloyd's of London, insurers of the gems, called Mr. Scaffa to work on the case and, on March 18, the jewels were recovered in a parked automobile following a mysterious phone call to the detective bureau of the Miami police.

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MONTONE UNDER STIFF GRILLING BY 'G' AGENTS

Biltmore Theft Convict Questioned for 7 Hours in Surprise Move

Sensational developments in the $246,300 Biltmore hotel jewel robbery loomed yesterday as Little Nicky Montone, convicted with Charles Cali, was questioned for seven hours by G men.

With their activities cloaked in the usual silence, the department of justice agents refused to discuss the nature of the questioning or the success or failure of their efforts.

First intimation of the surprise return of the federal men to Miami came when they appeared before noon yesterday at the jail and took Montone to the state attorney's office where they were closeted with him until 6:05 p. m. when he was returned to his jail cell.

Switching of the government's investigation back to Miami was regarded as significant, particularly since the indictment of Noel Scaffa, jewel detective, Broadway Charlie Stern and Al Contento, alias Al Howard, by a recent federal grand jury in New York, in which they were charged with transportation of the stolen jewels from Miami to New York.

From unofficial sources came reports that the new grueling of Montone was a move of the G men to forestall possible efforts to have Montone, described as an "insignificant punk" in the robbery, alter his story to clear the trio indicted in New York. Several avenues of approach would be open along this line, it was pointed out, and with Montone's story altered, it would be possible that the indictment charging transportation of stolen property would be worthless.

Another explanation of the G men's re-appearance [redacted] that they sought in the seven-hour questioning to elicit from Montone an admission of his guilt, and a detailed description of the Biltmore hold-up.

Those offering this theory explained that the combined bonds of Montone and Cali for the robbery of Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former Follies dancer, and Harry Content, New York broker, total only $51,000—an insignificant sum to the underworld if the expenditure should mean escape from "the heat" of federal prosecution and conviction.

To date Montone and Cali have been unable to raise this amount. Supporters of this theory pointed out that if the necessary money were raised and Montone and Cali released on bail, they could very easily "disappear" and so remove two of the government's principal witnesses in the charge against the New York trio.

Whether Cali would be questioned Monday or whether Montone would be brought from his cell again for further questioning, remained unanswered as federal men barricaded themselves behind their customary wall of silence.

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SCAFFA EVIDENCE PARLEY

TRIAL FOR PERJURY ON TOMORROW

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COUNSEL ASKS TO QUIT SCAFFA PLOT DEFENSE

A motion asking that he be permitted to retire as attorney for Al Howard and Patsy Dyke, who are accused of conspiracy in the theft of $185,000 worth of jewels from Mrs. Margaret Bell, was entered before Federal Judge Bondy today by Colonel Lewis Landes.

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Perjury Charge Against Detective to Come Up Monday

The trial of Noel Scaffa, private detective, under a perjury indictment charging false testimony before the grand jury which investigated the theft of $185,000 in gems from Mrs. Margaret Bell, in Miami, Fla., will probably begin next Monday. J. Howard Carter, chief assistant United States Attorney, said yesterday.

Scaffa's case, called for trial yesterday by Judge William Bondy in the United States District Court, was marked ready and passed.

Colonel Lewis Landes, attorney for Pasquale Testorieri, one of Scaffa's co-defendants on the conspiracy charge, was allowed to withdraw as counsel. It was stated yesterday from authoritative sources that George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney, would defend Scaffa. Mr. Medalie could not be reached for confirmation.

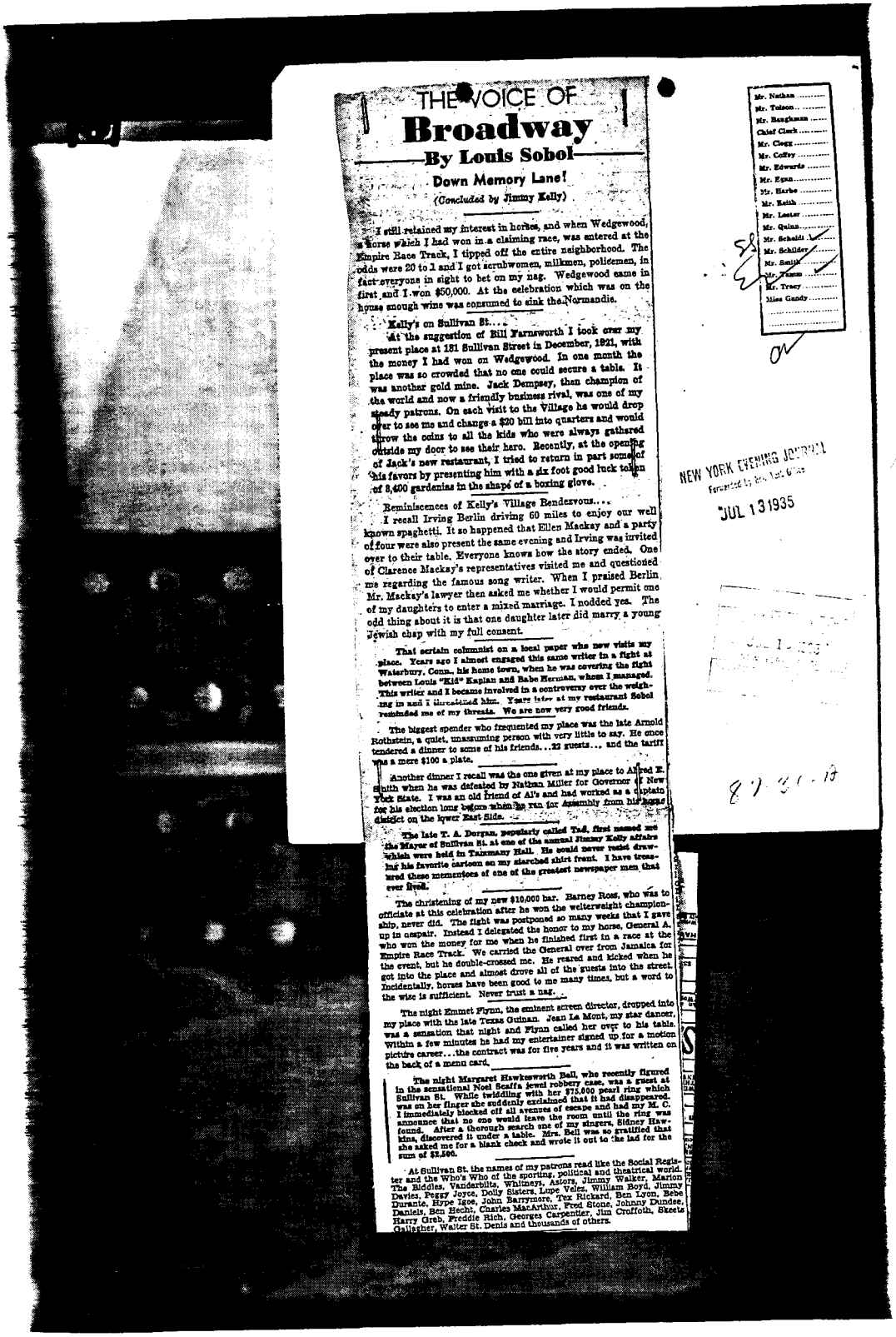
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THE VOICE OF

Broadway

By Louis Sobol

Down Memory Lane!

(Concluded by Jimmy Kelly)

I still retained my interest in horses, and when Wedgewood, a horse which I had won in a claiming race, was entered at the Empire Race Track, I tipped off the entire neighborhood. The odds were 20 to 1 and I got scrubwomen, milkmen, policemen, in fact everyone in sight to bet on my nag. Wedgewood came in first and I won $50,000. At the celebration which was on the house enough wine was consumed to sink the Normandie.

Kelly's on Sullivan St....

At the suggestion of Bill Farnsworth I took over my present place at 181 Sullivan Street in December, 1921, with the money I had won on Wedgewood. In one month the place was so crowded that no one could secure a table. It was another gold mine. Jack Dempsey, then champion of the world and now a friendly business rival, was one of my steady patrons. On each visit to the Village he would drop over to see me and change a $20 bill into quarters and would throw the coins to all the kids who were always gathered outside my door to see their hero. Recently, at the opening of Jack's new restaurant, I tried to return in part some of his favors by presenting him with a six foot good luck token of 8,400 gardenias in the shape of a boxing glove.

Reminiscences of Kelly's Village Rendezvous....

I recall Irving Berlin driving 60 miles to enjoy our well known spaghetti. It so happened that Ellen Mackay and a party of four were also present the same evening and Irving was invited over to their table. Everyone knows how the story ended. One of Clarence Mackay's representatives visited me and questioned me regarding the famous song writer. When I praised Berlin, Mr. Mackay's lawyer then asked me whether I would permit one of my daughters to enter a mixed marriage. I nodded yes. The odd thing about it is that one daughter later did marry a young Jewish chap with my full consent.

That certain columnist on a local paper who now visits my place. Years ago I almost engaged this same writer in a fight at Waterbury, Conn., his home town, when he was covering the fight between Louis "Kid" Kaplan and Babe Herman, whom I managed. This writer and I became involved in a controversy over the weighing in and I threatened him. Years later at my restaurant Sobol reminded me of my threats. We are now very good friends.

The biggest spender who frequented my place was the late Arnold Rothstein, a quiet, unassuming person with very little to say. He once tendered a dinner to some of his friends...22 guests... and the tariff was a mere $100 a plate.

Another dinner I recall was the one given at my place to Alfred E. Smith when he was defeated by Nathan Miller for Governor of New York State. I was an old friend of Al's and had worked as a captain for his election long before when he ran for Assembly from his home district on the lower East Side.

The late T. A. Dorgan, popularly called Tad, first named me the Mayor of Sullivan St. at one of the annual Jimmy Kelly affairs which were held in Tammany Hall. He would never resist drawing his favorite cartoon on my starched shirt front. I have treasured these mementoes of one of the greatest newspaper men that ever lived.

The christening of my new $10,000 bar. Barney Ross, who was to officiate at this celebration after he won the welterweight championship, never did. The fight was postponed so many weeks that I gave up in despair. Instead I delegated the honor to my horse, General A. who won the money for me when he finished first in a race at the Empire Race Track. We carried the General over from Jamaica for the event, but he double-crossed me. He reared and kicked when he got into the place and almost drove all of the guests into the street. Incidentally, horses have been good to me many times, but a word to the wise is sufficient. Never trust a nag.

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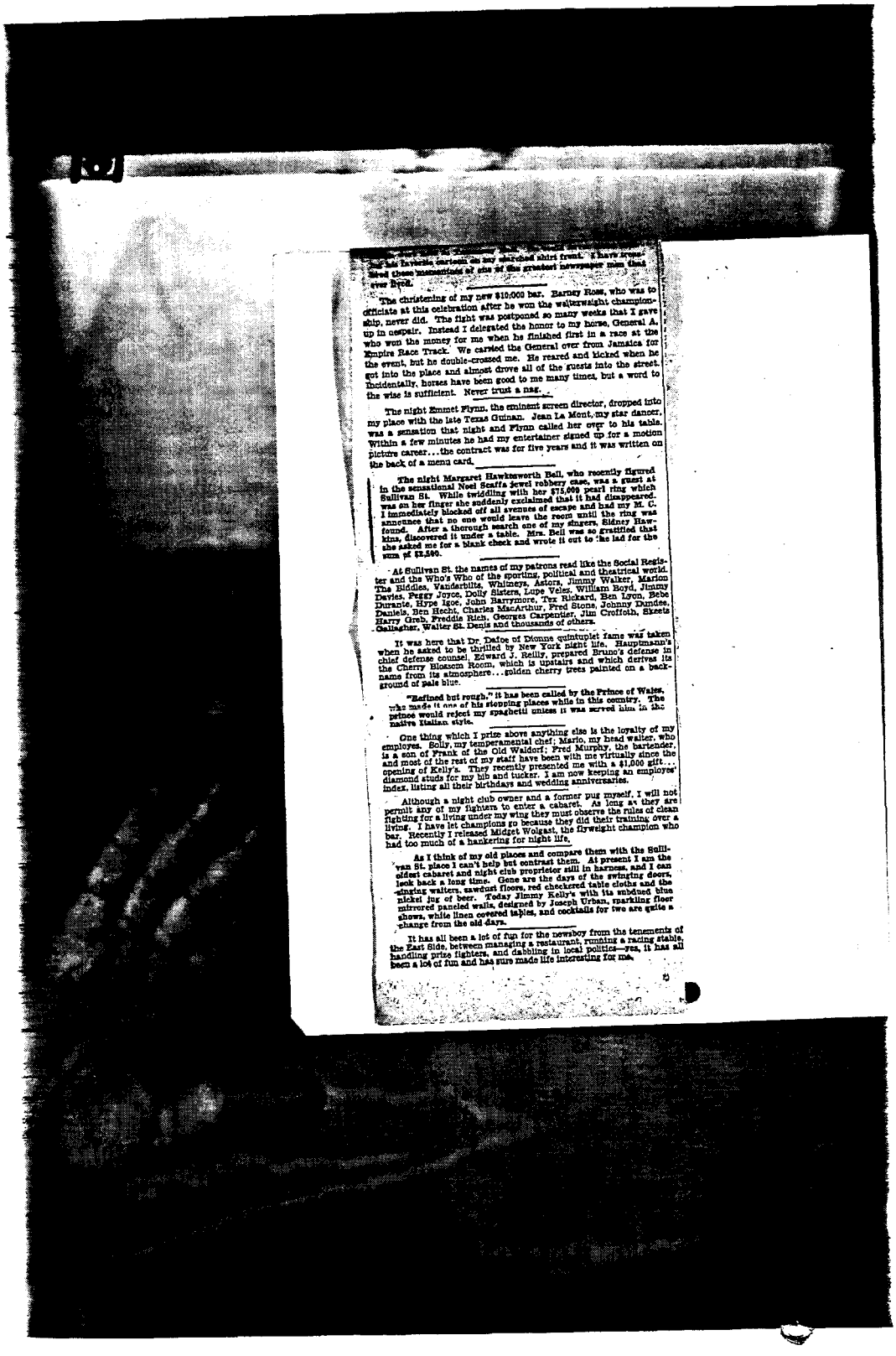
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It was here that Dr. Dafoe of Dionne quintuplet fame was taken when he asked to be thrilled by New York night life. Hauptmann's chief defense counsel, Edward J. Reilly, prepared Bruno's defense in the Cherry Blossom Room, which is upstairs and which derives its name from its atmosphere...golden cherry trees painted on a background of pale blue.

"Refined but rough," it has been called by the Prince of Wales, who made it one of his stopping places while in this country. The prince would reject my spaghetti unless it was served him in the native Italian style.

One thing which I prize above anything else is the loyalty of my employes. Solly, my temperamental chef; Mario, my head waiter, who is a son of Frank of the Old Waldorf; Fred Murphy, the bartender, and most of the rest of my staff have been with me virtually since the opening of Kelly's. They recently presented me with a $1,000 gift... diamond studs for my bib and tucker. I am now keeping an employes' index, listing all their birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Although a night club owner and a former pug myself, I will not permit any of my fighters to enter a cabaret. As long as they are fighting for a living under my wing they must observe the rules of clean living. I have let champions go because they did their training over a bar. Recently I released Midget Wolgast, the flyweight champion who had too much of a hankering for night life.

As I think of my old places and compare them with the Sullivan St. place I can't help but contrast them. At present I am the oldest cabaret and night club proprietor still in harness, and I can look back a long time. Gone are the days of the swinging doors, singing waiters, sawdust floors, red checkered table cloths and the nickel jug of beer. Today Jimmy Kelly's with its subdued blue mirrored paneled walls, designed by Joseph Urban, sparkling floor shows, white linen covered tables, and cocktails for two are quite a change from the old days.

It has all been a lot of fun for the newsboy from the tenements of the East Side, between managing a restaurant, running a racing stable, handling prize fighters, and dabbling in local politics—yes, it has all been a lot of fun and has sure made life interesting for me.



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Scaffa to Seek Delay in Trial

Wash Herald 7/15/35

NEW YORK, July 14 (U.P.). Noel Scaffa, private detective indicted for perjury in connection with the return of $185,000 in stolen gems, will ask for another postponement of his trial scheduled to open tomorrow in Federal Court, it was indicated tonight.

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SLEUTH BEFORE BAR

Scaffa Trial To Open Today

NEW YORK, July 21 (U.P.).—Noel Scaffa goes to trial in Federal Court tomorrow. The famous private detective and retriever of stolen gems is charged with perjury in connection with his return of $185,000 in jewels stolen in Miami from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former Follies beauty.

Scaffa's indictment deals with alleged statements made while under oath before the Grand Jury on April 20.

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Scaffa Case

Gem Retriever Goes on Trial Today

Trial of Noel C. Scaffa on a perjury charge in connection with the return of Mrs. Margaret Bell's jewelry, stolen in Miami last Winter, begins in Federal Court today.

The private detective, who attained prominence through his ability to retrieve stolen gems, will be defended by former U. S. Attorney George Z. Medalie.



NOEL C. SCAFFA
His Trial on Perjury Charge Starts Today.

Special Agent John M. Keith, of the Dept. of Justice, who obtained the evidence that resulted in the indictments charging perjury and conspiracy to violate the National Stolen Property Act, was in town last night with government witnesses from Canada, Florida and Broadway.

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G-Men Move Into Court with Records to Convict Scaffa in Gem Theft Case

Private Sleuth Is Charged with Conspiracy in Return of Jewels.

By EARL SPARLING,
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

A delegation of G-men from Washington unpacked their brief cases in Federal Court here today and settled down to the job of unfolding a true detective tale based on the life and works of Noel C. Scaffa, America's most spectacular jewel robbery sleuth.

Mr. Scaffa, in role of defendant rather than hero of the piece, is charged with giving false testimony to a Federal Grand Jury which investigated the mysterious return of $185,000 of jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawwsworth Bell in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, Miami, last January 26.

Eugene E. Bryant, Miami chief of detectives, found the jewels wrapped in brown paper in an ordinary 10-cent lock box in a Miami railroad station. The Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice said that "none other than Noel Scaffa himself, on March 18, delivered to Bryant the key to the lock box."

The G-men also charge that Bryant, who subsequently resigned, signed a statement that Detective Scaffa had conspired with him to claim a $15,000 reward. They contend that the jewel sleuth perjured himself on six counts in testifying before the Grand Jury.

Mr. Scaffa, 46, faultlessly tailored, spent the morning scrutinizing the talesmen being examined to try him. Not once did his sharp, black eyes stray from the constantly changing faces of the twelve men in the jury box.

The great detective seemed satisfied when the jury was finally completed shortly before noon. He smiled at his chief counsel, George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney, and a shrewd flicker of his eyes indicated he thought the attorney had done as good a job as possible with the material available. The foreman was Walter R. Thorp, a construction foreman, of 515 W. 152nd St.

Run-of-Mill Jury.

It was an ordinary, run-of-the-mill jury, composed of middle-aged and elderly clerks, salesmen and agents. None of the twelve men appeared to have been so blessed by fortune that he would be able to picture in his mind's eye what $185,000 of jewels would look like at close hand.

And $185,000 of jewels is really only a small item in the life story of Noel Scaffa. In May, 1930, working with New York City police, he

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DETECTIVE ON TRIAL



World-Telegram Staff Photo.
Noel C. Scaffa.

Expects His Mysterious Methods Will Be Revealed During Trial.

Jessie Donahue's Hotel Plaza apartment. As usual in such happenings, Noel Scaffa was called in.

On October 6 the detective met a man named Sam Layton in the Prince George Hotel. Layton had the Donaheu jewels in his pocket. Detective Scaffa had $75,000 in his pocket. There was an exchange, and the jewels went into Mr. Scaffa's safe, and Mr. Scaffa neglected for seven days to notify the police of his success.

He was indicted for compounding a felony, and was tried twice. The jury disagreed in the first trial. In the second trial the presiding judge directed a verdict of acquittal.

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Fomenting War

SCAFFA IS ON TRIAL, WITH G-MEN IN COURT

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tracked six robbers to the Hotel Commodore and recovered $1,300,000 of jewels, which were returned to various owners.

"There is nothing mysterious about my business," said Mr. Scaffa during the noon recess. "I am a private detective who works in the same way the police work. There is nothing mysterious about it. I have been successful in solving a number of jewel robberies and in returning the jewels to their owners. Is that a crime?"

"But how is it you can so often recover jewels when the police cannot? How do you do it?"

Mr. Scaffa shrugged slightly and said:—

"If you want to learn things about me I imagine you'll learn plenty during this trial."

The Scaffa Private Detective Agency is at 111 John St., and once there were fifteen agents working out of the unpretentious offices. Mr. Scaffa said today:—

"I once employed that many agents. They have left me since this began."

Noel Scaffa began his career as an office boy in the Pinkerton Detective Agency. After a few years he was allowed to shadow on small jobs. He spent seven years with the Pinkertons and was graduated from them as a full-fledged detective. He opened his own one-man office ni 1921 and within a few years was reported to have more stool pigeons at his beck and call than police headquarters itself.

This is not the first time that his work has got him into trouble. On September 30, 1935, $245,000 of jewels mysteriously disappeared from Mrs. Jessie Donahue's Hotel Plaza apartment. As usual in such happenings, Noel Scaffa was called in.

On October 6 the detective met a man named Sam Layton in the Prince George Hotel. Layton had the Donaheu jewels in his pocket. Detective Scaffa had $75,000 in his pocket. There was an exchang[illegible], and the jewels went into Mr. Scaffa's safe, and Mr. Scaffa neglected for seven days to notify the police of his success.

He was indicted for compounding a felony, and was tried twice. The jury disagreed in the first trial. In the second trial the presiding judge directed a verdict of acquittal.

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TERRE HAUTE TIED UP BY STRIKE

Sympathy Walkout Halts Buses, Cabs; Closes Cafes

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 22 (By International News Service).—A sympathy strike that began today threatened to paralyze all transportation and industry in Terre Haute.

Street cars, buses and taxicabs were halted and attempts were made to extend the walk-out to the local $3,000,000 light and power plant.

Unionized barber shops, filling stations and restaurants also were closed.

Workers at the Terre Haute, the city's largest hotel, and at a number of packing houses, wholesale grocery establishments and factories likewise were on strike.

The walk-out, which was not approved by the Terre Haute Central Labor Union, was called by L. Brown, president of the Enameling and Stamping Workers' Union, which has conducted a four-month-strike of 600 employes of the Columbia Enameling and Stamping Company.

Gem Case Sleuth Calm

'Work Like Any Police Department,' He Says in Court

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Noel C. Scaffa, big recovery man of stolen jewels, went on trial today in Federal Court in connection with one of his famous recoveries.

A jury was quickly chosen to try Scaffa in Judge Hinck's court on a charge of perjury. He was indicted shortly after jewels, worth $185,000 were stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami last Winter, were returned.

Scaffa got 'em back, but denied knowing the names of the men whom he contacted.

The foreman of the jury is Walter R. Thorp, construction foreman, 515 W. 162nd st. Scaffa is being defended by George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney.

The detective, who told reporters "I just work for my boss like any other man," appeared in court attired in gray. He judged the prospective jurors closely, and with, one defense challenge left, waved to Medalie.

"O. K." he said; and the box was filled.

Reporters asked him concerning his phenomenal success in re-

CATHOLICS IN BOYCOTT DEFY NAZIS

Congregations Challenge Hitler Order; Jews Again Hit

By PIERRE J. HUSS,
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

BERLIN, July 22.—The bitter fight between church and State authorities approached a climax today as Catholics in several districts started movements to boycott Nazi business men.

Following a sabbath that witnessed churches packed by congregations in a defiant show of strength, open warfare was renewed today with Catholics striking back at new repressive measures, while thumb-screws on Jews were tightened so that, in one town, a ban was placed on real estate sales to Jews.

Priests were alleged to be back of a boycott against Nazis that is planned for Muenster, in Catholic Westphalia, scene of Minister of

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The taciturn detective, who has restored millions in stolen gems to distraught owners, will be forced to tell the inside of his business if he is to escape the G-Men.

His persistent refusal to admit that he knew the names of the persons with whom he bartered for the return of $185,000 in jewels stolen in Miami from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell resulted in his indictment.

Scaffa also is under indictment with six others, charged with conspiracy to violate the stolen property act. The Bell gems, the Government charges, were brought to New York and then returned on the q. t. to Miami by Scaffa late last February.

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Detective Told Grand Jury a Stranger Gave Him Key to $185,000 Loot in Miami.

POLICE DEAL THERE TOLD

Ex-Official Says $15,000 Was to Be Divided—Insurance Man Testifies Today.

Grand jury testimony of Noel Scaffa was read at his trial yesterday in which he swore that on March 14—a week after the prosecution contends he recovered the $185,000 Ball jewelry—he was in Miami making frantic efforts to trace the stolen gems.

The twelve men who were selected Monday to determine the private detective's guilt or innocence on a six-count perjury indictment, heard his testimony of last April read by J. Howard Carter, Chief Assistant United States Attorney.

It is Mr. Carter's contention that while the private detective was holding daily conferences with the Miami police and interviewing Nicholas Montose, one of two men arrested as the jewelry thieves, he had known of the whereabouts of the stolen property.

The prosecutor in his opening address had told Judge Carroll C. Hincks and the jury that he would prove that Scaffa on March 6 had received $30,000 from Henry L. Glidden, president of Topile & Harding, Inc., American representatives of Lloyd's, and on the evening of the same day had delivered the stolen jewelry to Mr. Glidden's residence at 14 Sutton Place. The jewelry was later taken to Miami, the prosecutor said.

Mr. Glidden, the government's principal witness, will be called to the stand today.

Miami Detective Testifies.

After Mr. Carter had finished reading Scaffa's complete testimony before the grand jury, he called Eugene Bryant, former chief of detectives of Miami Beach, to the stand.

Bryant described efforts he had made to recover the jewelry, which was stolen on Jan. 26 from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Ball, former New York dancer, by two armed and masked men who entered her room at the Miami Biltmore Hotel. He said that Scaffa arrived in Miami on March 13 and asked permission to interview Montose in the Dade County Jail.

"He asked me if leniency would be shown to Montose if the jewelry were returned," Bryant testified. "I told him that that was up to the Dade County Prosecutor. The next day I met him at police headquarters at 11 P. M. and he told me again that he was sure the jewelry would be returned if leniency were shown to Montose."

On March 15, according to Bryant, Scaffa and he conferred with Fred Pine, District Attorney of Dade County; Jack Kahoe, Pine's chief assistant, and Benjamin Cohen, counsel for Montose and for Charles Call, also arrested for the robbery.

"Scaffa said," the witness continued, "that if Montose were allowed to plead guilty to robbery and get a prison sentence of from 3 to 5 years, he was positive that the jewelry would be returned."

At another conference on March 18 with the same men present, Cohen, according to the witness, "wanted to know if I'd pay his fee" if Montose pleaded guilty.

"I told him I would," Bryant testified.

$15,000 in Rewards.

There was a later conversation with Scaffa on the same day in [illegible] police headquarters, he said, in which the private detective outlined a proposal for distributing a reward of $15,000 for the recovery of the jewelry.

"I was to get a certain amount of money," the witness added, "and pay the county solicitor."

Bryant's share, according to his testimony, was to have been $2,500, while "Chief Socks" (Police Chief of Coral Gables) was to receive $500. The Sheriff, his assistant and various other peace officers, the witness said, were to have received the remainder.

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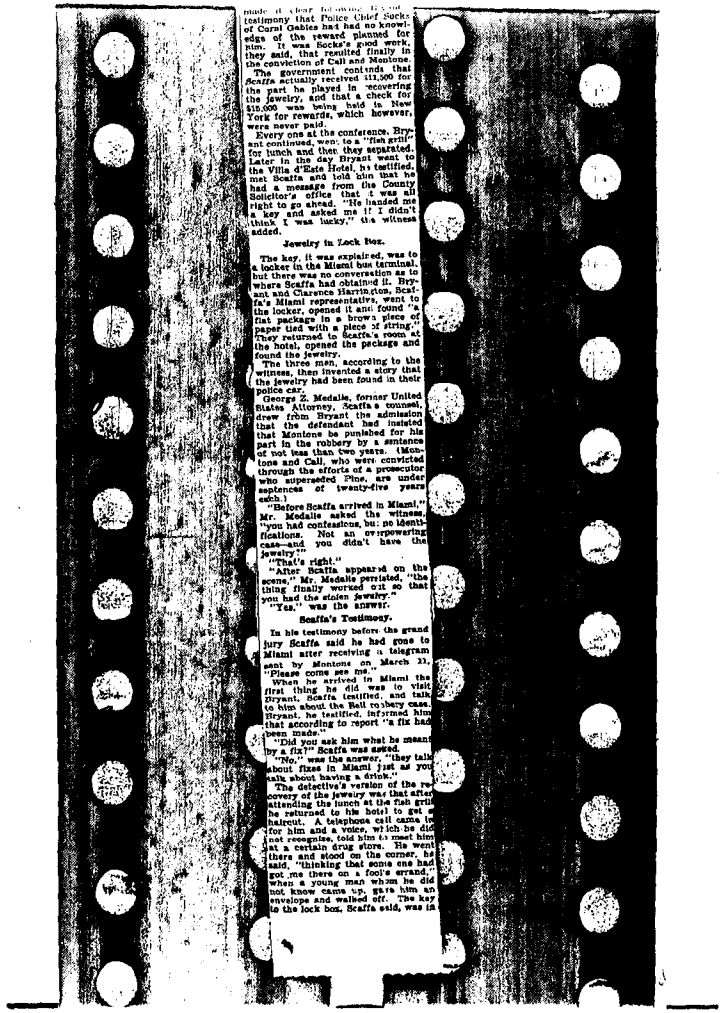
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Scaffa's Testimony.

In his testimony before the grand jury Scaffa said he had gone to Miami after receiving a telegram sent by Montone on March 21, "Please come see me."

When he arrived in Miami the first thing he did was to visit Bryant, Scaffa testified, and talk to him about the Ball robbery case. Bryant, he testified, informed him that according to report "a fix had been made."

"Did you ask him what he meant by a fix?" Scaffa was asked.

"No," was the answer, "they talk about fixes in Miami just as you talk about having a drink."

The detective's version of the recovery of the jewelry was that after attending the lunch at the fish grill he returned to his hotel to get a haircut. A telephone call came in for him and a voice, which he did not recognize, told him to meet him at a certain drug store. He went there and stood on the corner, he said, "thinking that some one had got me there on a fool's errand," when a young man whom he did not know came up, gave him an envelope and walked off. The key to the lock box, Scaffa said, was in

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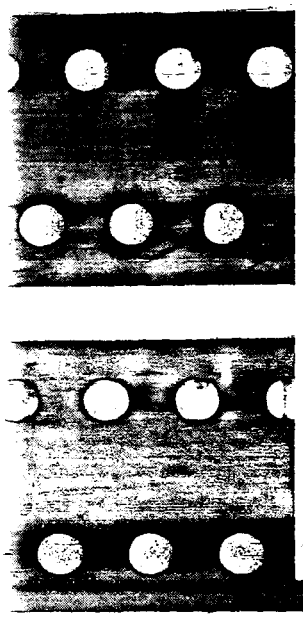
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The jewels were wrapped up. Glidden said Scaffa handed them to him in a guest room.

"I was satisfied they were the Bell jewels. Later I checked them against a list I had," he said.

At the same time, Scaffa returned $20,000 of the $50,000 Glidden had given him earlier in the day.

Glidden kept the jewels in his apartment overnight and the next day gave them to Tierney, of his own staff, who took them to Chicago and from there to Florida. There was no explanation of the Chicago journey.

The Cross-Examination

George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney, who is defending Scaffa, went into more detail on the fees and rewards than the prosecution. He established, on cross-examination, that Glidden had complete authority to spend all of the $75,000, or $73,000, without any approval from his partner or from Lloyd's.

Glidden testified that he paid out $41,800 in the case. Of this, $30,000 was used by Scaffa, $2,000 went for Scaffa's expenses, $2,500 as a fee to Scaffa's agency and $7,000 more to Scaffa.

Medalie asked if the $7,000 was a "tip" or a "gratuity." Glidden said, "Certainly not."

"It was payment for services rendered? It was money spent legitimately, wasn't it?"

"Absolutely," Glidden said.

Witness Is Reluctant

"What about the other payments?" asked Medalie.

"What other payments!" asked the witness.

"What became of the $31,500 you had left out of the $73,000?"

Glidden said $15,000 was set aside to cover rewards for Florida authorities and that the balance of $16,500 was in "a very safe place." For reasons which were not altogether clear, Glidden was reluctant to tell where the $16,500 was. At least a half dozen times in the answer, "In Finally, dire Hincks to name be didn't think where I keep my in the end, that bank account o rest in a safe d Medalie stres mony that no w case were kept & Harding. E erally. Glidden per, Harding, phone. There no receipts fo written orders law, it seemed case, which first gem case.

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"I was satisfied they were the Bell jewels. Later I checked them against a list I had," he said.

At the same time, Scaffa returned $30,000 of the $50,000 Glidden had given him earlier in the day.

Glidden kept the jewels in his apartment overnight and the next day gave them to Tierney, of his own staff, who took them to Chicago and from there to Florida. There was no explanation of the Chicago journey.

The Cross-Examination

George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney, who is defending Scaffa, went into more detail on the fees and rewards than the prosecution. He established, on cross-examination, that Glidden had complete authority to spend all of the $75,000, or $73,000, without any approval from his partner or from Lloyd's.

Glidden testified that he paid out $41,500 in the case. Of this, $30,000 was used by Scaffa, $2,000 went for Scaffa's expenses, $2,500 as a fee to Scaffa's agency and $7,000 more to Scaffa.

Medalie asked if the $7,000 was a "tip" or a "gratuity." Glidden said, "Certainly not."

"It was payment for services rendered? It was money spent legitimately, wasn't it?"

"Absolutely," Glidden said.

Witness Is Reluctant

"What about the other payments?" asked Medalie.

"What other payments?" asked the witness.

"What became of the $31,500 you had left out of the $73,000?"

Glidden said $15,000 was set aside to cover rewards for Florida authorities and that the balance of $16,500 was in "a very safe place." For reasons which were not altogether clear, Glidden was reluctant to tell where the $16,000 was. At least a half dozen times he stood to the answer. "In a very safe place."

Finally, directed by Judge Hincks to name it, he pleaded that he didn't think it necessary to tell "where I keep my money." He said, in the end, that part of it was in a bank account of his own and the rest in a safe deposit box.

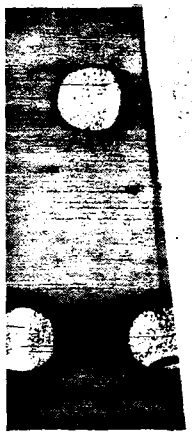
Medalie stressed Glidden's testimony that no written records of the case were kept by the firm of Toplis & Harding. Everything was done orally. Glidden dealt with his partner, Harding, in London, by telephone. There were no memoranda, no receipts for any money paid, no written orders do not go, was the law, it seemed, at least in the Bell case, which Glidden said was the first gem case he ever had handled.

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AGENT OF LLOYD'S TO TELL OF GEMS

Miami Court to Hear U. S. Perjury Witness in Scaffa Trial.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 24.—To support its charge that Noel Scaffa, private detective, framed a frantic hunt in Miami for jewels already recovered in New York, the Government today had as its principal witness the American representative of Lloyd's, the London insurance firm.

Scaffa, charged with perjury for his statements to a grand jury, is on trial before Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks.

The Government claims Scaffa received $30,000 on March 6 for the return of $183,000 in jewels which were stolen in Miami from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, and delivered the jewels on the same day to Henry L. Glidden, president of Toplis & Harding, Inc., Lloyd's American representatives, at his home in New York. Glidden was scheduled to take the stand today.

The jewelry later was taken to Miami, the Government charges.

Eugene Bryant, former chief of detectives at Miami Beach, Fla., testified yesterday that Scaffa arranged a "deal" by which Bryant and other officials of Dade County, Fla., were to divide $15,000 reward money in exchange for leniency to Nicholas Montone and Charles Call, who were charged with the robbery. This was a week after alleged return of the jewels in New York.

SCAFFA 'SPLIT' REWARD TOLD

NEW YORK, July 23 (U.P.). Eugene Bryant, recently resigned Miami detective chief, today told a Federal grand jury how Noel Scaffa, noted private detective, on trial for perjury, was arranging a reward "split-up' on Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell's stolen $185,000 jewels five days before they were mysteriously returned.

They were found in a public lock box in a Miami railroad station.

Bryant also testified that Scaffa smilingly handed him the locker key when the bargaining was concluded and told him the credit for the "discovery", of the stolen gems was all his.

Scaffa, Bryant said, came to Miami on March 13 by plane and opened his campaign to split up the reward and also obtain leniency for Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone, who stole the jewels in a Miami hotel.

Government prosecutors contend that at this very moment the taciturn private sleuth already had the precious gems under lock and key in New York.

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Scaffa's Lawyer Charges Jealousy Led to His Arrest

Medalie Says Police and U. S. Agents Framed Noted Jewel-Retriever

Without calling a single witness, Abel C. Scaffa staked his case in Federal Court today on his attorney's summation charge that the noted private detective was the victim of professional jealousy on the part of police and Government agents.

In a two-hour summation, George J. Medalie, former United States Attorney and counsel for Scaffa, attacked the credibility of the Government's witnesses and pictured Scaffa's part in the recovery of the $95,000 Ball jewelry as "a public service" which neither New York police nor Federal agents were able to render.

"Scaffa was a victim of police enmity, professional jealousy and animosity because he was putting himself in the way of departmental and personal enmities," Mr. Medalie charged.

In attacking the Government's case, Mr. Medalie stressed that it was based principally on the testimony of three adjusters of Toplis & Harding Company, American agents of Lloyd's of London, who insured the jewelry.

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But, Mr. Medalie argued, Glidden and the underwriters hired Scaffa to recover the jewels for them; Glidden testified he went to Montreal to get $75,000 to finance the recovery of the gems and Glidden, by his own testimony, employed Tierney and Crowley to carry the jewels to Florida, where after much arranging they were "officially found" by Florida police.

"Why Scaffa?" demanded the defense attorney.

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"Glidden originated this plan and carried it out," Mr. Medalie continued. "Glidden carried it out. Isn't this the Glidden case rather than the Scaffa case? Isn't Scaffa in the same position as Tierney and Crowley?

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The Only Witness

"According to Glidden and he's entitled to no less say, Scaffa brought the jewels to Glidden's apartment the night of March 6. Maybe he did, but on the basis of the evidence there isn't a single person in the world except Glidden who says so.

"How can you say Scaffa is lying and Glidden is telling the truth? Can you say to your own conscience, I believe beyond a reasonable doubt that Scaffa on that night of March 6 [illegible] those stolen jewels [illegible] Glidden's apartment?

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Medalie Declares Police and U. S. Agents Are Jealous of Jewel-Retriever

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"How can you say Scalfa is lying and Glidden is telling the truth? Can you say to prove two propositions, I believe beyond a reasonable doubt that Scalfa on that date or March 6 saw those jewels, [illegible] Glidden was there, Glidden [illegible] Scalfa was there?

"This referred to Glidden's testimony that of the $75,000 he gave Scalfa March 6, Scalfa used only $40,000 and returned $35,000 the night he brought the jewels to Glidden's apartment.

Are Records Kept?

Glidden, testifying yesterday, admitted that he had kept no records of the Bell case and that he had no memorandum or receipts covering the payments he said he made to Scalfa. He further testified that the several thousand dollars of the $75,000 which remained unspent was distributed in several bank accounts and safe deposit boxes, in one of which his wife had access.

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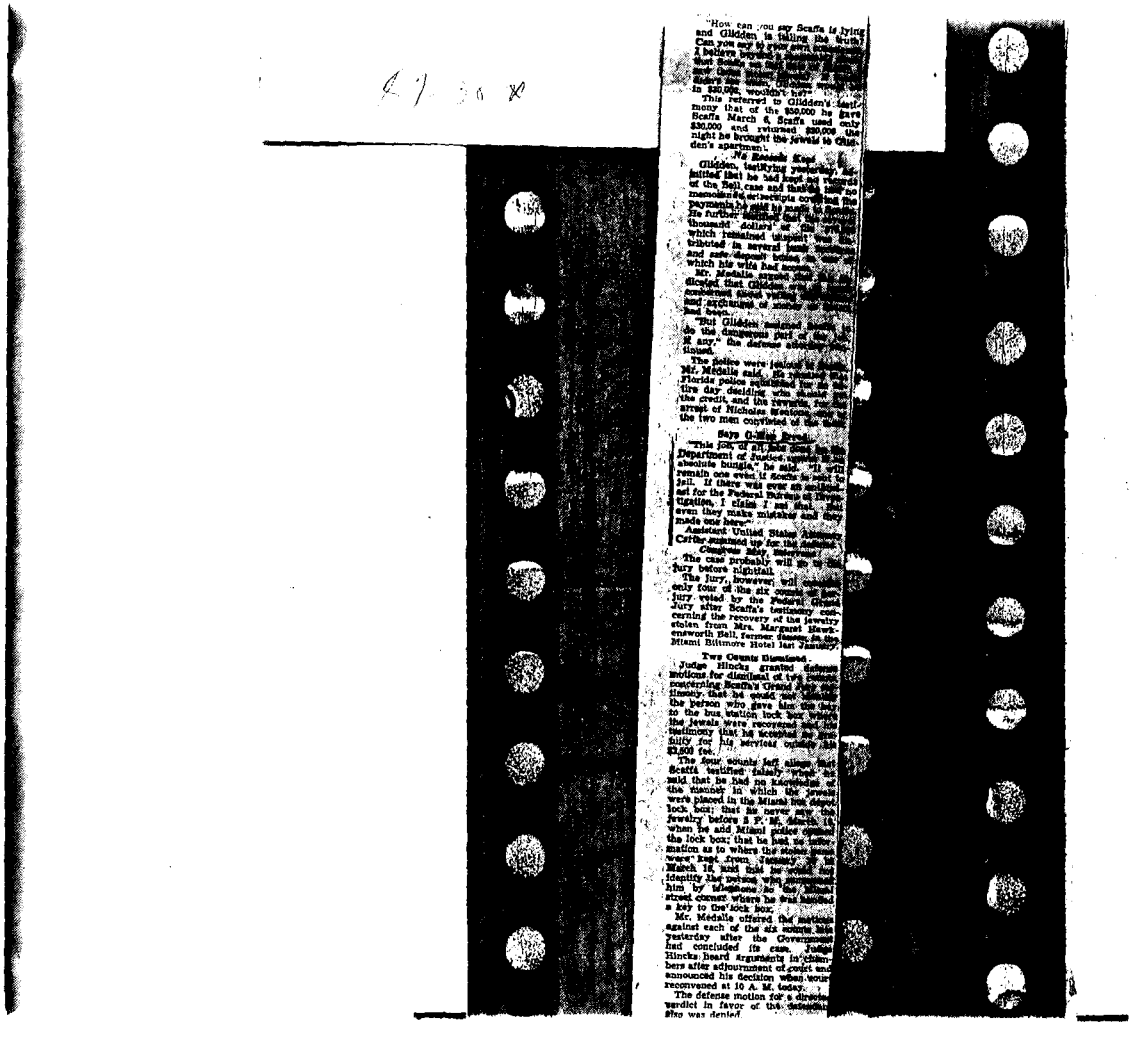
Charges May Be Severed

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Two Counts [illegible]

Judge Rinaldo [illegible] motions for dismissal of two counts concerning Scalfa's [illegible] testimony that he [illegible] the person who gave him envelope to the bus [illegible] did [illegible]



"How can you say Scaffa is lying and Glidden is telling the truth? Can you say at your own peril that Scaffa did not return to Glidden the money he took from him—$30,000 in $20,000 wrinkle's bill?"

This referred to Glidden's testimony that of the $50,000 he gave Scaffa March 6, Scaffa used only $30,000 and returned $20,000 the night he brought the jewels to Glidden's apartment.

No Records Kept

Glidden, testifying yesterday, admitted that he had kept no records of the Bell case and that he had no memoranda of receipts covering the payments he said he made to Scaffa. He further admitted that $20,000 of the thousand dollars of the [illegible] which remained unspent was distributed in several bank deposits and safe-deposit boxes, one of which his wife had access to.

Mr. Medalie argued that Glidden dictated that Glidden [illegible] confidential stool pigeon, and [illegible] and exchanges of money [illegible] had been.

"But Glidden denied [illegible] to the documents part of the [illegible] any," the defense added [illegible] tioned.

The police were [illegible] Mr. Medalie said. He mentioned [illegible] Florida police authorities [illegible] the day deciding who should [illegible] the credit, and the [illegible] arrest of Nicholas Scarfone, [illegible] the two men convicted of the [illegible]

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Two Counts Dismissed

Judge Hincks granted defense motions for dismissal of two counts covering Scaffa's Grand Jury testimony, that he could not identify the person who gave him the key to the bus station lock box where the jewels were recovered and his testimony that he accepted $5,000 fee.

The four counts left allege that Scaffa testified falsely when he said that he had no knowledge of the manner in which the jewels were placed in the Miami bus depot lock box; that he never saw the jewelry before 8 P. M. March 15, when he and Miami police opened the lock box; that he had no information as to where the stolen money were kept from January 1 to March 15, and told no one of the identity that person who phoned him by telephone to the street corner where he was handed a key to the lock box.

Mr. Medalie offered the motions against each of the six counts [illegible] yesterday after the Government had concluded its case. Judge Hincks heard arguments in chambers after adjournment of court and announced his decision when court reconvened at 10 A. M. today.

The defense motion for a directed verdict in favor of the defendant [illegible] was denied.

GEM SLEUTH AWAITS TRIAL RULING TODAY

Noel Scaffa Seeks Directed Verdict in Trial for Perjury in Theft Case.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Noel Scaffa, the jewel detective, went to court today either to begin his defense against perjury charges in connection with the return of Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell's $183,000 stolen gems, or to hear himself freed on a directed verdict.

Federal Judge Carrol C. Hincks heard argument on the motion for a directed verdict in chambers late yesterday after the close of the Government's case and said he would announce his decision today.

Henry L. Glidden, American representative of Lloyd's, the London insurance firm, and Thomas Edward Crowley, an agent of Glidden's firm, testified the jewels were returned in New York on March 6, this year, and a week later transported to Miami, Fla., where Scaffa is alleged to have pretended the actual recovery was made by Florida police officials.

Glidden said he paid Scaffa $80,000 on delivery of the jewels in New York and that Scaffa returned $20,000 voluntarily. It was understood, he said, that $15,000 was to be paid to Florida authorities as reward money.

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SCAFFA DISPUTED ON GEM RECOVERY

He Ordered Jewelry, Brought From Chicago, Put in a Lock Box in Miami, Witness Says.

$41,500 PAID, COURT HEARS

Lloyd's Agent Asserts $75,000 Was Drawn—Declares He Has Rest in Personal Account.

Thomas Edward Crowley, a 34-year-old employe of an insurance adjuster, took the stand yesterday and identified himself as the "mysterious stranger" who on March 18 delivered the $136,000 Bell jewelry to Noel Scaffa, private detective, who is being tried in Federal court for perjury before a Federal grand jury.

According to Scaffa's grand jury testimony, delivery had been arranged by a young man, a stranger to him, who accosted him in front of a Miami drug store and gave him the key to a lock box containing the stolen jewelry. Crowley, however, testified that he had known Scaffa for three or four years, that his arrival in Miami with the "recovered" jewelry had been expected and that Scaffa himself had suggested the lock-box method of delivery.

Government Completes Case.

J. Howard Carter, Chief Assistant United States Attorney who completed the government's case before the trial was adjourned until today, called three other witnesses.

Two were Harry L. Glidden, president of Toplis & Harding, American representatives of Lloyd's, who testified that Scaffa, after having received $80,000 from him on March 6, returned the stolen jewelry the same day, and Robert J. Tierney, an employe of the Toplis concern, took the jewelry as far as Chicago on its way to Miami.

Miami was the objective, it was testified, because it was there that the jewelry had been stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former New York dancer, who had been a guest at the Miami Biltmore Hotel.

Glidden testified that, two days after the jewelry had been stolen by two "gunmen," Mrs. Bell notified agents of an investigator. The investigator, he testified, had agreed to pay $75,000 on the recovery of the jewelry.

[illegible] Scaffa, the money, and that evening, the witness said, the detective came to the Biltmore apartment of Mr. Bullock, where Scaffa, returned $80,000 of the $81,500 he had taken, but told Glidden he was keeping in the [illegible] money, that he would need it later on [illegible] to pay "rewards" to the Miami police.

"Scaffa," Glidden testified, "advised me that it would be necessary for [illegible] the jewelry to Florida for the benefit of the Miami police." Arrangements were made in Toplis's presence, the witness testified, Glidden testified, for Tierney to take the jewelry to Chicago.

[illegible] for the $80,000 that Scaffa returned to the original [illegible], $15,000 went to the detective for the part he played in the recovery of jewelry, Glidden testified.

The witness, hearing out charges made by Mr. Carter, said that Crowley had taken the jewelry to Miami and delivered it to Scaffa, in accordance with the detective's theory that Florida should be the scene of the recovery.

Scaffa, in his testimony before the grand jury, said that a stranger's voice had instructed him to go to a drug store in Miami. While he was waiting outside the store, the detective had testified, a young man he did not know gave him a key to a lock box, which box was found to contain the Bell diamonds and pearls.

This testimony was given before a grand jury that also indicted Scaffa for violation of the National Stolen Properties Act on the ground that the detective had caused the transportation of Mrs. Bell's jewels from State to State.

Crowley testified that he had re-

of the rate of exchange between Canada and the United States he had received only $75,000 in American dollars for the Canadian currency.

He admitted that the rest was either in his own safe deposit vault or in his private bank account and that his concern had no accounting record to show what had happened to the $75,000 received from Lloyd's.

"You have not yet accounted to the underwriters?" Mr. Medalie asked.

"No," was the answer.

"You have not billed the underwriters?"

"No."

"You were waiting until this case was finished?"

"I was waiting until it was all over," Glidden said.

The last witness called by Mr. Carter was Mrs. Glidden, wife of the insurance adjuster. She testified that her husband had showed her the Bell jewelry on March 6, the day Scaffa is said to have received it in New York.

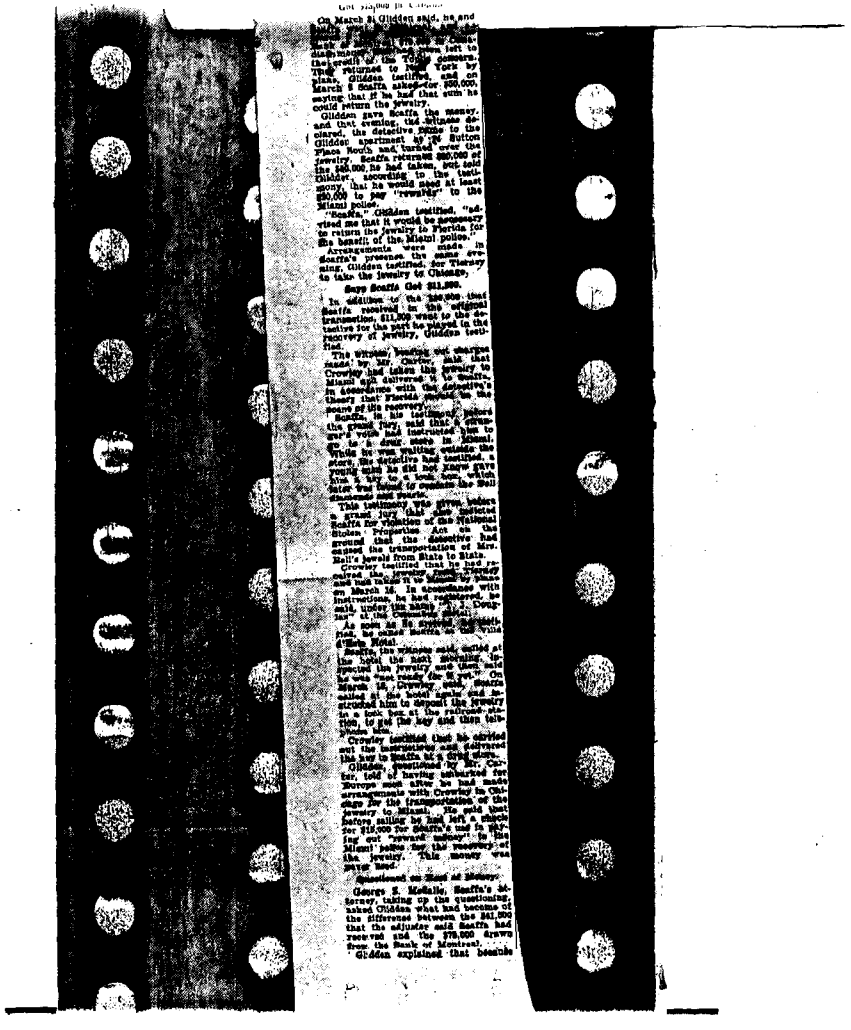
Mr. Medalie, at the end of the government's case, moved that the indictment be dismissed and that the court direct a verdict of acquittal. Judge Hincks heard the motion in his chambers and reserved decision until today.

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Scaffa, the witness said, called at
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he was [illegible] for $5,000." On
March 10, Crowley said, Scaffa
called at the hotel again and in-
structed him to deposit the jewelry
in a tool box at the railroad sta-
tion, to get the key and then tele-
phone him.
Crowley testified that he carried
out the instructions and delivered
the key to Scaffa at 6 p.m. Cor-
Glidden, questioned by Mr. Co-
ter, told of having obtained for
Scaffa some time before the
arrangements with Crowley to ship
the jewelry to Miami. He said that
before sailing by boat for Miami
for $10,000 for Scaffa's use in pay-
ing out "reward money" to the
Miami police for the recovery of
the jewelry. This money was
never used.

Questioned on Size of Money.

George S. McNabb, Scaffa's at-
torney, taking up the questioning,
asked Glidden what had become of
the difference between the $41,500
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Glidden explained that because



Move to Release Scaffa Weighed

Court Hears of Jewelry in Peregrinations.

By the Associated Press.

New York, July 24.—After a court session in which the peregrinations of a fortune in stolen jewelry were related, Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks tonight pondered a motion to dismiss perjury charges against Noel Scaffa, America's No. 1 jewel sleuth, who recovered the jewels for a fat commission.

Scaffa is charged by the Government with giving the Federal grand jury a wrong impression of his activities last winter in the recovery of $185,000 worth of diamonds, pearls and emeralds stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell in a Miami hotel.

The Government's two witnesses today—Henry L. Glidden, American representative of Lloyds of London, and Thomas Edward Crowley, an agent of Glidden's firm—testified to Scaffa's lavish use of money in the jewel hunt, and the transportation of Mrs. Bell's gems to various cities long before they were reported found.

It is the Government's contention that Scaffa told the grand jury he did not know the jewels were transported in interstate commerce, and that it has proof he did know it.

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SCAFFA CONVICTED OF PERJURY

NEW YORK, July 26. (I.N.S.)—Noel Scaffa, internationally known detective, was found guilty today by a Federal grand jury of three of four perjury counts growing out of his recent testimony involving recovery of the stolen jewels of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, at Miami.

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Scaffa Gem Case Goes to U. S. Jury

After a charge by Federal Judge Carrol C. Hincks which lasted for one hour and 20 minutes, the jury which has been hearing evidence against Noel C. Scaffa retired 15 minutes before noon today to consider its verdict.

Scaffa, private detective, who has been highly successful at recovering stolen jewelry, is charged with perjury before the Grand Jury in connection with testimony about the $185,000 worth of gems stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in a Miami hotel and later recovered by the sleuth.

Judge Hincks in his charge told the jury:

"Justice is nothing but an empty mockery, and the Government is deprived of means of investigating crime and prosecuting criminals if the perjury laws are not enforced."

The three essential issues before the jury, he explained, were that the defendant in fact testified before the Grand Jury as charged in the indictment; if so, was that testimony false, and if it was false, did the defendant know it was false at the time he so testified?

The jury got the case without having heard one word of testimony in the private detective's defense. George Z. Medalie, his attorney, elected not to put Scaffa on the stand nor to call any witness for him.

In contrast to his grim and solemn aspect throughout the trial which began Monday, Scaffa was smiling and apparently unconcerned today.

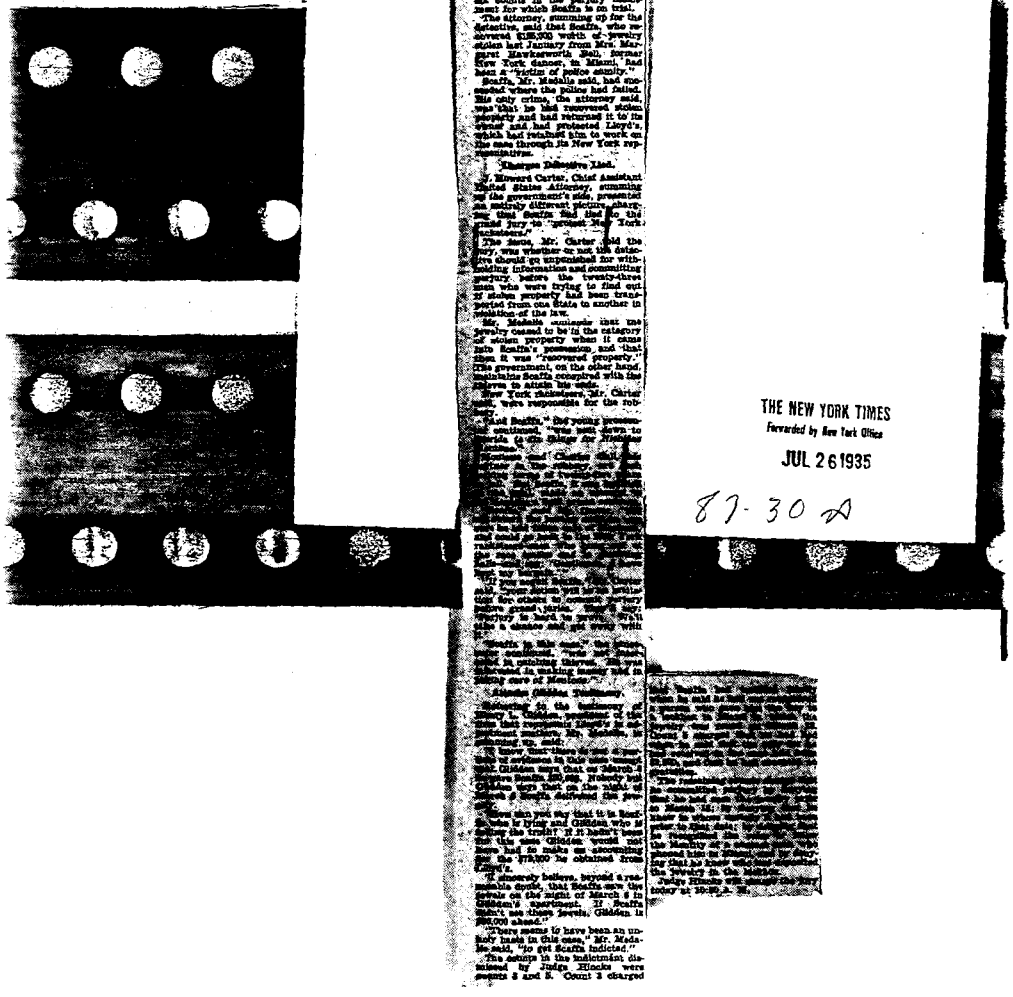
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Counsel, Summing Up, Insists Detective Recovered Gems While Police Failed.

DEFENSE OMITS EVIDENCE

Prosecutor Declares Accused Man Perjured Himself to Protect Racketeers.

Fred Scaffa, the private detective who is accused of having perjured himself last March before a Federal grand jury, which later indicted him for violation of the National Stolen Properties Act, delivered no evidence yesterday in his own defense.

George H. Medalie, former United States Attorney, his counsel, rested his case after Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks had dismissed two of six counts in the perjury indictment for which Scaffa is on trial.

The attorney, summing up for the defense, said that Scaffa, who recovered $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Hall, former New York dancer, in Miami, had been a "victim of police enmity."

Scaffa, Mr. Medalie said, had smoked where the police had failed. His only crime, the attorney said, was that he had recovered stolen property and had returned it to its owner and had protected Lloyd's, which had retained him to work on the case through its New York representatives.

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J. Stewart Carter, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, summing up the government's case, presented an entirely different picture, charging that Scaffa had lied to the grand jury to "protect New York racketeers."

The issue, Mr. Carter told the jury, was whether or not the detective should go unpunished for withholding information and committing perjury, before the twenty-three men who were trying to find out if stolen property had been transported from one State to another in violation of the law.

Mr. Medalie contended that the jewelry ceased to be in the category of stolen property when it came into Scaffa's possession and that then it was "recovered property." The government, on the other hand, maintains Scaffa conspired with the thieves to retain the gems.

New York racketeers, Mr. Carter said, were responsible for the robbery.

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SCAFFA CASE WILL GO TO JURY TODAY

G-Men Accused of Bungling in Defense Attorney's Summation

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP).—Noel Scaffa, jewel theft case detective, was portrayed alternately as a would-be "big shot" and the object of "professional jealousy" by police in concluding summations today in his Federal Court trial for perjury.

Tomorrow the jury will be given the case, the outgrowth of Scaffa's testimony before a Federal grand jury investigating his part in the return of $185,000 of stolen jewels belonging to Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell.

Mrs. Bell was robbed by two men in a hotel room at Coral Gables, Fla., January 16, and the jewels returned to her by Miami Beach police March 19.

J. Howard Carter, assistant United States attorney, asserted in his summation that New York racketeers, for whom the Government is still searching, are the "higher ups" responsible for the robbery.

"I don't think there is any question," Carter said, "but that Scaffa got the jewelry from someone here in New York. New York racketeers were mainly responsible for the stickup."

"Return of the jewelry in Florida was planned by Scaffa," Carter said, "to make himself a big shot among the Florida police, and by returning the jewels in Florida he would keep the Federal Bureau of Investigation out of it. And he pretty nearly succeeded."

The Government prosecutor said Scaffa had gone to Florida in the case chiefly to obtain leniency for Nicholas Montone, who, with Charles Cali, were arrested as Mrs. Bell's robbers.

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Medalie said Scaffa was indicted for perjury by the grand jury in an effort to get him to "talk" after G-men bungled the case.

"This job of all jobs done by the Department of Justice agents is an absolute bungle," Medalie asserted, "and it will remain one even if Scaffa is sent to jail."

At the start of today's session Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks refused the defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal, but granted the defense dismissal of two of six counts in the indictment as immaterial to the case.

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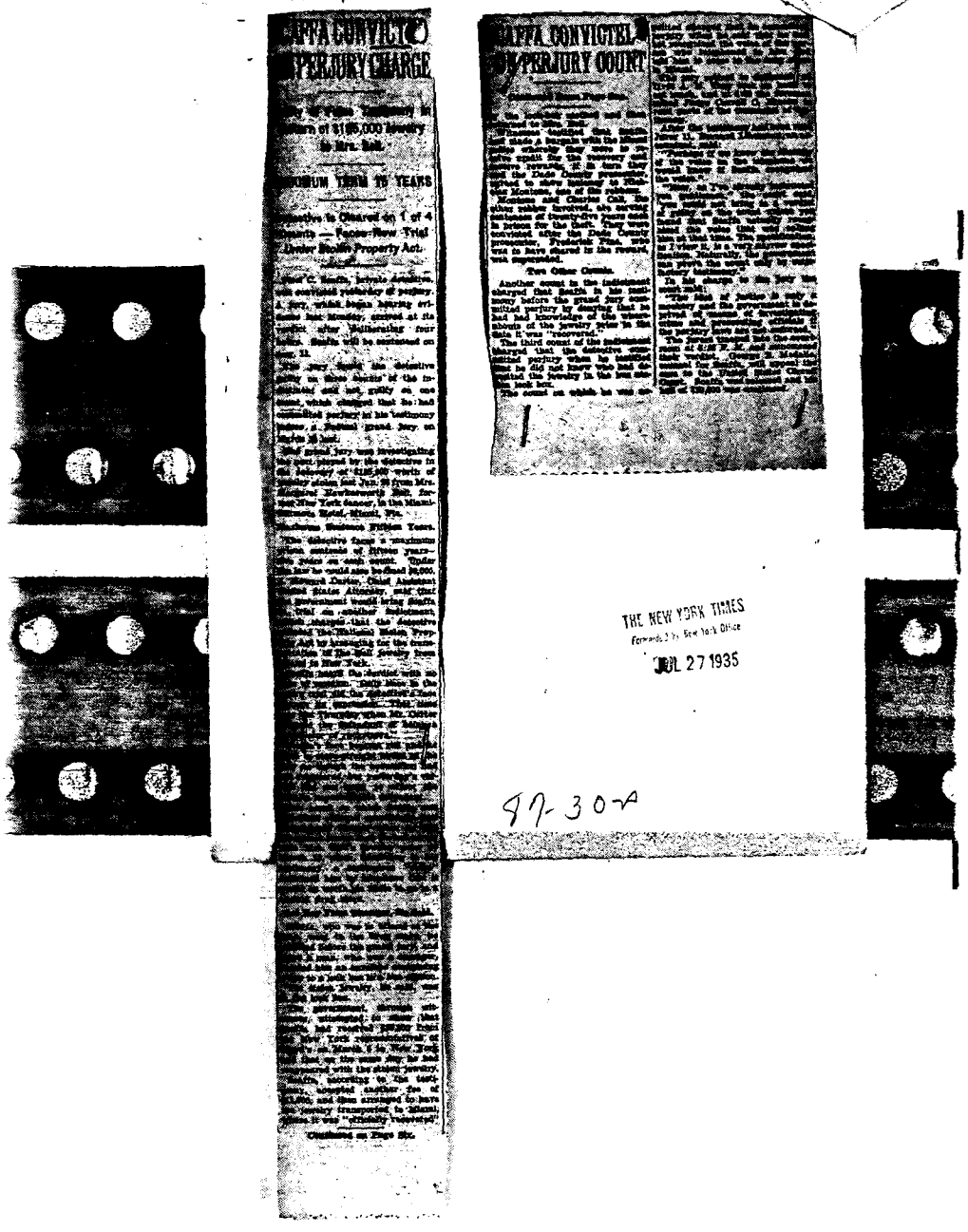
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SCAFFA GUILTY OF PERJURY IN GEM RECOVERY

New York Detective Faces Five Years; Failed to Tell Facts, Jury Declares

NEW YORK, July 26 (U.S.). Noel Scaffa, detective famous as a retriever of stolen jewels, was found guilty of perjury today, in his grand jury testimony last April as to how he recovered $185,000 worth of stolen jewelry for Mrs. Margaret Bell in Miami last winter.

A Federal jury debated the case almost six hours before reaching a verdict which found the detective guilty on three of the four counts of his indictment.

FACES FIVE YEARS

Scaffa, who has recovered many fortunes in stolen gems, faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and $2,000 fine on each of the three counts.

Federal Judge Carrol C. Hincks delivered a lengthy charge to the jury before they retired, saying:

"Justice is nothing but an empty mockery, and the Government is deprived of means of investigating crime and prosecuting crime and prosecuting criminals, if the perjury laws are not enforced."

No defense witnesses were called in the case, and Scaffa did not take the stand in his own defense.

FOUND IN LOCKER

Witnesses for the Government told of Scaffa's suggestions of reward-splitting and "fixing" with minor police officials of Florida, after the jewels were recovered.

The stolen gems were found in a locker in a Miami bus depot, after Scaffa had received the key from an unidentified young man, it was testified.

The detective showed no emotion at the verdict.

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Saddened By Verdict Of Guilt

To Hear Sentence in Jewel Case on Aug. 13

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NOEL SCAFFA
A stunned gem retriever

Worn and bedraggled, in marked contrast to the dapper appearance he presented in the early days of his trial, Noel Scaffa, private sleuth, went into seclusion today to await a sentence which may send him to a Federal penitentiary for 15 years.

Convicted on three counts of perjury in connection with the recovery of $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell in Miami last Winter, the detective faces a possible five-year term and a $2,000 on each count.

SENTENCE DELAYED

Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks delayed sentencing Scaffa, however, permitting him his freedom under the $10,000 bail set before his trial. He will learn his fate Aug. 13.

The detective, who gained world-wide fame because of his mysterious knack of recovering stolen gems after ace police detectives admitted they were baffled, is expected to file an appeal, but he refused to discuss the subject.

Neither would his lawyer, former U. S. Attorney George Z. Medalie, indicate when an appeal would be taken or on what he would base a plea to have the verdict reversed when the time for sentencing arrives.

Scaffa's conviction was for perjury contained in the explanation he gave of the method employed in recovering Mrs. Bell's jewelry.

The Government, through Assistant U. S. Attorney Howard Carter, charged the Scaffa, upon payment of $30,000, recovered the jewelry in New York on March 8 and arranged a phoney recovery in Miami 12 days later.

Scaffa Stolen Goods Case

MAY GET 15 YEARS ON 1ST CONVICTION ON PERJURY COUNT

Prison Certain Unless Counsel Can Successfully Appeal Case

G-MEN ARE DELIGHTED BY DECISION OF JURY

Slave Noel Scaffa, with the poker face and the foreign-looking little mustache, is going to the unpleasant place where he sent a lot of the boys.

Prison is certain today for the one-time gun-shoer, who is now the world's most celebrated jewel retriever, unless his attorney makes a successful appeal against a perjury conviction returned yesterday.

The next chapter of his life story probably will show him entering Atlanta Penitentiary, or some other institution with bars on the windows, to spend a stretch of five to fifteen years. There will be G-men in the background.

Poker-faced Mr. Scaffa was found guilty of perjury yesterday by a Federal Court jury which decided that he lied to a Federal Grand Jury when he told how he recovered $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell, former dancer, at Miami last winter.

First however, he will be brought to another trial, charged with violating the national stolen property act by transporting the Bell jewels to New York.

J. Howard Carter, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, indicated the new trial will be held at once.

Scaffa will come into court for sentence on yesterday's conviction on August 13, unless an appeal is made. He faces five years' imprisonment and $2,000 fine on each of three counts.

A jury convicted Scaffa in five hours and fifty-one minutes. The result brought great satisfaction to J. Edgar Hoover and other G-men because when Scaffa was tried on charges of compounding a felony in 1935, he finally went free.

As a Pinkerton detective first, and head of his own private agency later, tall, dark-haired Scaffa has helped send many wiser men to prison, and he knows all the devious methods used by men on trial.

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SCAFFA JEWEL CASE GOES TO JURORS TODAY

Detective Accused of Blocking Department of Justice; Defense Offers No Witnesses

Noel C. Scaffa was accused yesterday of attempting to block a Department of Justice drive to find the "New York racketeers" who were behind the $185,000 jewel robbery of Mrs. Margaret Bell last Winter.

The charge was made by J. Howard Carter, chief assistant U. S. Attorney, as he summed up the Government's case against the retired private detective on trial on a perjury charge. The charge is based on Scaffa's story to a Grand Jury of how he recovered the jewelry that was taken by bandits in Florida.

The Federal Court jury sitting in the trial will receive the case this morning without having heard a single witness in Scaffa's behalf.

2 Counts Dismissed

His attorney, George Z. Medalie, rested without offering any defense testimony yesterday morning when Judge Hincks, on a defense motion, dismissed two of the six counts in the indictment.

Medalie immediately delivered his summation, in which he asserted that this case was one that the Department of Justice had "entangled." He declared:

"Scaffa was a victim of police enmity, professional jealousy and animosity because he was getting himself in the way of Department and personal enmities."

To which Carter retorted:

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Justice Blocked

"This is the case of a man standing in the way of the Department of Justice, which is trying to bring all criminals to justice."

After turning over $30,000 reward money in New York, Scaffa promised to take the jewels to Florida and testify for the Government, convicted of the robbery. [illegible] Carter said, adding:

"Medalie wanted to make this case a tilt about Florida methods. He also wanted to build up a reputation as a recoverer of stolen goods and a man who won't talk to get future business from these racketeers."

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FAMOUS SLEUTH FACES NEW CHARGES BY U. S.

NEW YORK, July 27.—(U.P.)—Noel Scaffa, famous detective convicted of perjury, will be tried on charges of violating the federal stolen properties act before he can appeal the first conviction, government attorneys said today.

The jewel sleuth was found guilty by a federal court yesterday of giving false information to a grand jury investigating methods by which he recovered $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen in Miami in January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell of New York. Judge Carroll Hincks will sentence him Augus 13. The jury acquitted him on one of four counts of an indictment but convicted him of the others.

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Noel C. Scaffa Faces Prison for Perjury

Noted Gem Retriever Convicted for False Story.

By the Associated Press.

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The debonair detective, indicted for telling a false version of how he recovered $185,000 in jewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former dancer, was continued in $10,000 bail until August 13, when sentence will be pronounced.

The penalty for perjury is a prison sentence of not more than five years or a fine of $2,000, or both, on each count.

The jury was out nearly six hours.

Scaffa offered no defense contending the Government had failed to establish a case.

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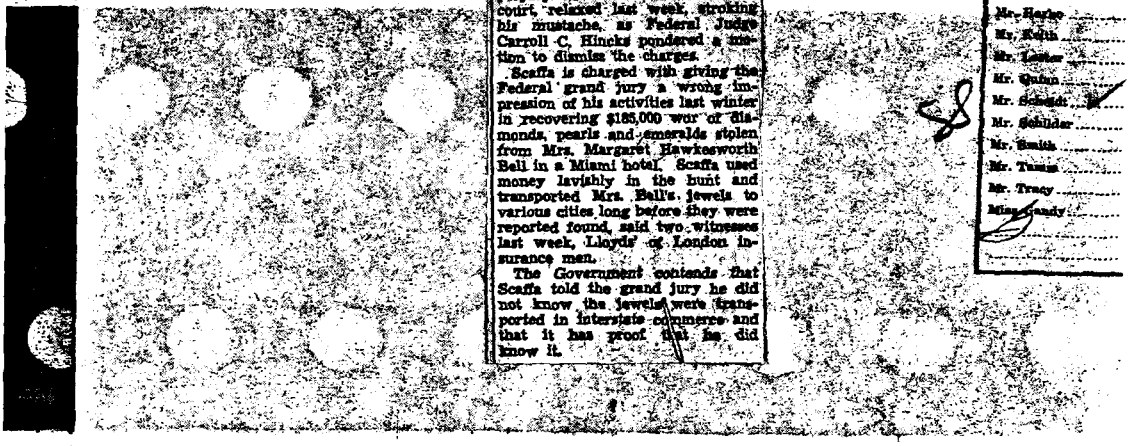
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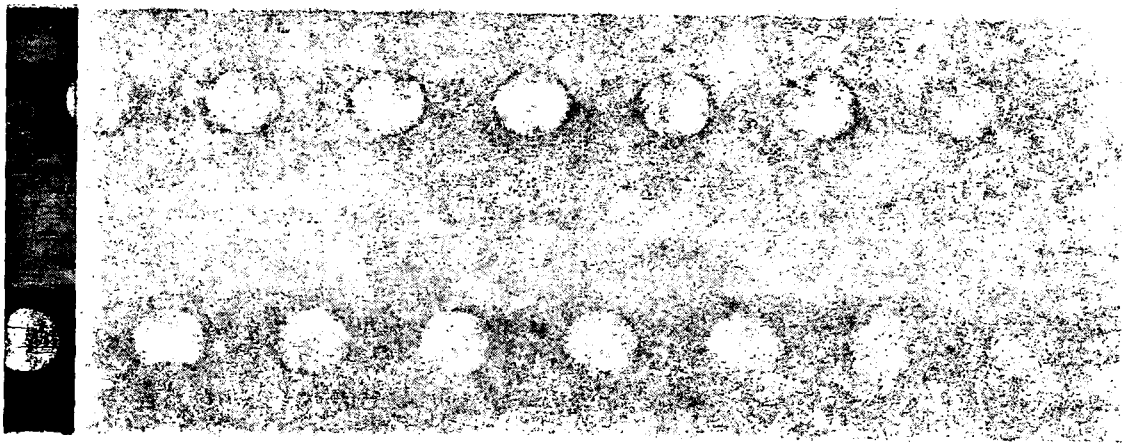
Noel Scaffa, America's No. 1 jewel sleuth, who is on trial for perjury in a New York Federal court, relaxed last week, stroking his mustache, as Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks pondered a motion to dismiss the charges.

Scaffa is charged with giving the Federal grand jury a wrong impression of his activities last winter in recovering $185,000 worth of diamonds, pearls and emeralds stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in a Miami hotel. Scaffa used money lavishly in the hunt and transported Mrs. Bell's jewels to various cities long before they were reported found, said two witnesses last week, Lloyds' of London insurance men.

The Government contends that Scaffa told the grand jury he did not know the jewels were transported in interstate commerce and that it has proof that he did know it.



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SCAFFA 'SPLIT' REWARD TOLD

NEW YORK, July 23 (U.P.). Eugene Bryant, recently resigned Miami detective chief, today told a Federal grand jury how Noel Scaffa, noted private detective, on trial for perjury, was arranging a reward "split-up' on Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell's stolen $185,000 jewels five days before they were mysteriously returned.

They were found in a public lock box in a Miami railroad station.

Bryant also testified that Scaffa smilingly handed him the locker key when the bargaining was concluded and told him the credit for the "discovery" of the stolen gems was all his.

Scaffa, Bryant said, came to Miami on March 13 by plane and opened his campaign to split up the reward and also obtain leniency for Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone, who stole the jewels in a Miami hotel.

Government prosecutors contend that at this very moment the taciturn private sleuth already had the ~~precious~~ gems under lock and key in New York.

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AGENT OF LLOYD'S TO TELL OF GEMS

Miami Court to Hear U. S. Perjury Witness in Scaffa Trial.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 24.—To support its charge that Noel Scaffa, private detective, framed a frantic hunt in Miami for jewels already recovered in New York, the Government today had as its principal witness the American representative of Lloyd's, the London insurance firm.

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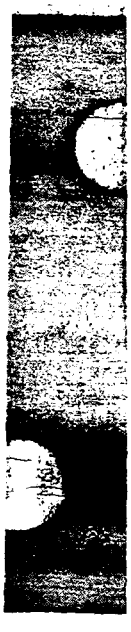
The Government claims Scaffa received $30,000 on March 6 for the return of $183,000 in jewels which were stolen in Miami from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, and delivered the jewels on the same day to Henry L. Glidden, president of Toplis & Harding, Inc., Lloyd's American representatives, at his home in New York. Glidden was scheduled to take the stand today.

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Mrs. Bell Takes Retrieved $185,000 Gems to Court for Scaffa Trial

SHE TESTIFIES OF ROBBERY AT CORAL GABLES

State Charges Detective Had Jewelry 13 Days Before It Was Returned; Fee Questioned

Noel Scaffa, ace retriever of stolen jewels, went on trial in Federal Court yesterday on six counts of perjury in connection with his Grand Jury testimony concerning the return of $185,000 in gems to Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former stage dancer.

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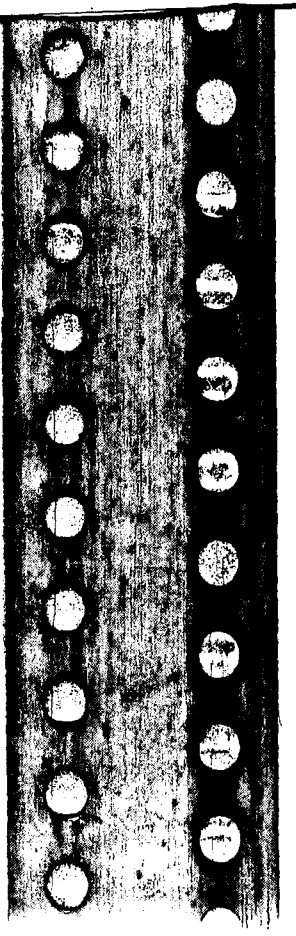


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Outlining his case before Federal Judge Hincks, of Connecticut, Carter said Scaffa was asked before the Grand Jury if he knew "Broadway Charlie" Stern and that he replied he did not. Stern is one of four who have been arraigned with Scaffa on another indictment charging violation of the Federal stolen property act. No date has been set for that trial.

Carter said Scaffa testified he knew Al Howard, whose real name is Albert J. Contento, also indicted under the stolen property act. Carter added that Scaffa told the jury he received a report from a Miami agent, after the robbery, that "there are rumors in Miami that Howard tipped the job off." The identity of the "Howard" mentioned in this report was not explained.

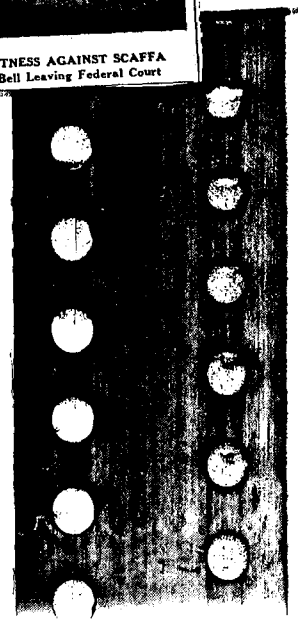
George Z. Medalie, counsel for Scaffa, told the trial jury that Scaffa is a reputable investigator who works for insurance companies and lends his aid to police. He said:

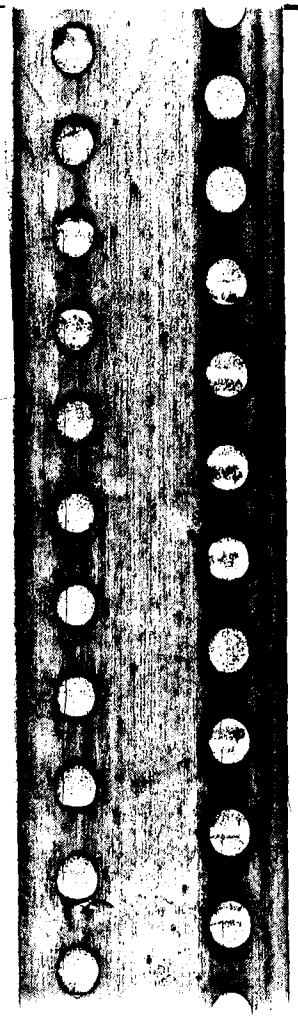
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SCAFFA ON TRIAL; MRS. BELL HEARD

Owner Tells of Theft in Miami Hotel of $165,000 Jewelry *and Its Recovery.*

GEMS IN COURT, REMOVED

Prosecutor Holds Detective, Accused of Perjury, Got $14,000 of $50,000 Reward.

Noel Scaffa, private detective, sat in Federal court yesterday and heard a prosecutor accuse him of violating the law in connection with the recovery of jewelry stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former New York dancer, in the Miami Biltmore Hotel, Florida.

Scaffa, the prosecutor told the court, received $50,000 last Spring from the American representative of Lloyd's, which had insured the jewelry for $185,000, and on the same day he delivered the jewelry in New York to the president of that agency.

He returned $20,000 of the $50,000, the prosecutor, said, but took it back the same day after making arrangements for the jewelry to be recovered "officially" in Miami.

He is to be tried later on an indictment charging violation of the Federal Stolen Property Act in connection with the transportation of Mrs. Bell's gems from State to State.

Charged With Perjury.

Scaffa is alleged to have committed perjury before a grand jury on April 20 last, when he testified that he had not seen the jewelry until it was recovered in Miami last March 18 and that he had had no knowledge of its whereabouts between the time it was stolen and then.

The jewelry itself—one pearl rope, one thirty-two-carat square-cut diamond bracelet, three strings of pearls, one sapphire and diamond bracelet, a guard ring and a heart-shaped diamond ring—lay on a table in the court room within the vision of the jurors.

George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney, who appeared as counsel for the private detective, viewed the display with amusement.

"Mr. Bailey," he said to an attorney who stood in the way of the government's costly exhibits, "you're in the way of the glitter."

In his address to the jury Mr. Medalie described the defendant in glowing terms as a man who had stepped in after the police had failed and had returned stolen property to its owner.

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Mr. Medalie, outlining his case to the jury, told of the part Scaffa had played in the past in the recovery of stolen jewelry. He pointed out that his job was to protect policy holders and that he had some ten agents in his employ.

When an agent, such as Harrington in Miami, learned of a robbery, he did his investigating first, Mr. Medalie said, and then inquired whether or not the insurer of the property was a client of the Scaffa agency.

"Everything that Scaffa did in this case," said Mr. Medalie, "was directed to the purpose that the jewelry that belonged to Mrs. Bell be returned to her so that the insurance company would not have to stand a loss of $185,000."

Mr. Medalie said that Scaffa had been questioned twice by Federal agents before his appearance before the grand jury, and that his client had been anxious to be literally correct in all of his testimony before the Federal body.

Referring to Scaffa's testimony about the "telephone voice," Mr. Medalie asked:

"Was there that degree of certainty that warranted him saying that the voice was Crowley's?"

Mr. Medalie brought the admission from Mrs. Bell that soon after she had reported the theft, Harrington, accompanied by Miami detectives, had visited her and interviewed her in detail about the robbery.

Mrs. Bell, who gave her address as the Hotel Pierre, was accompanied in court by a bodyguard. She brought the jewelry with her to the witness stand and unwrapped it for a bailiff, who spread it on a table for the inspection of the jury.

"I don't know why we have this display," said Mr. Medalie, "You can see it in the window of any jewelry store."

The trial was adjourned until 10:30 this morning after Mr. Carter had read part of the transcript of Scaffa's testimony before the grand jury.

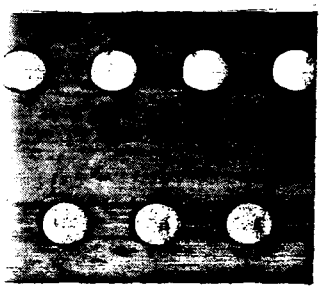
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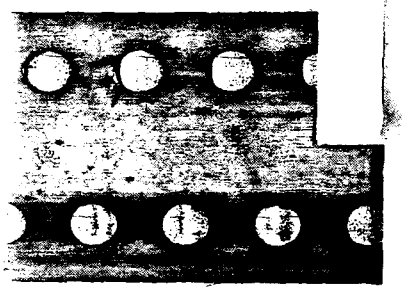
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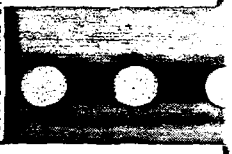






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Trail of Jewelry.

Crowley arrived in Miami on March 17, Mr. Carter said, "and called Scaffa at the Villa d'Este Hotel." The following day, according to Mr. Carter, the detective instructed Crowley to place the jewels in a lock box and bring him the key. This was done, Mr. Carter said, and the jewelry was obtained from the box by Bryant and Clarence Harrington, Scaffa's Miami representative.

The indictment charges that Scaffa falsely testified before the grand jury that he did not know in what manner or by whom the jewelry had been placed in the lock box; that he could not recognize the voice of or the identity of the person who called him at the hotel; that he could not identify the person who delivered the key to him; that he had received only $2,500 for his services, and that he had not seen the jewelry before 5 P. M. on March 18.

Bryant, according to Mr. Carter, agreed with Scaffa not to reveal what part the latter had played in the recovery. He returned to the police station with another officer, Mr. Carter said, and reported that

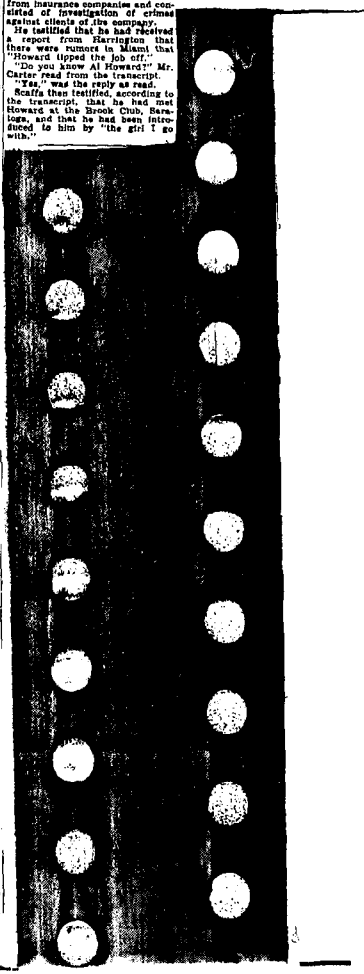
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SAY BELL GEMS WERE IN 'VAULT' IN SUBWAY HERE

Scaffa's Testimony, Read at Trial, Reveals He Gave Tip to Police.

By EARL SPARLING,
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell's stolen $185,000 jewels may once have rested in a 10-cent lock box in the Times Square subway station, it was said today in Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks' court, where Noel C. Scaffa, ace private detective, is on trial for alleged perjury.

This detail came out in a reading of Scaffa's testimony before a Federal Grand Jury which investigated the mysterious fashion in which the jewels were returned to Mrs. Bell. Mr. Scaffa, whose stool pigeons are legion, told the Grand Jury that he had received a tip from Florida that the jewels were cached in the subway station, that he had so informed New York City police, but that the box could never be located.

The jewels were eventually found in a similar lock box in a Miami, Fla., railroad station, and Mr. Scaffa's testimony, as read to the trial jury today, revealed his version of the extraordinary recovery.

There Chasing Thief.

According to his Grand Jury testimony, he had gone to Florida to attend to various matters, including the chasing back to New York of a man suspected of stealing $590,000 of bonds. In his hotel room he received a telephone call from a man who told him to some down on the street corner.

Without any questioning, he hastened down, and a young man of about 23 walked up to him and handed him a plain envelope. In the envelope was the key to the lock box in which the jewels were found. He asked the youth no questions, he testified, and the youth disappeared without any explanation.

Scaffa is on trial because the U. S. Department of Justice says his story is fabrication. J. Howard Carter, Assistant United States Attorney, promises to prove that the private detective had the jewels in his possession here before he went to Florida. The government charges that by this maneuver the detective collected $11,500 reward after having been paid a $2,500 fee by the insurance company, and that in addition he used up some $30,000 of a $50,000 "expense account" provided by the insurance company.

Informed of "Fix."

Mrs. Bell was robbed January 26 in her suite at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in Miami by two masked men. Mr. Scaffa testified also that he had been informed of "a fix" in the case of the two men, Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali, who were arrested for the robbery.

He testified that he "understood" that Ben Cohen, attorney for the arrested men, had once been a law partner of Fred Pine and John Kehoe, the prosecutor and chief assistant prosecutor.

Cali was first tried for robbing Mrs. Bell and got eight years, Assistant District Attorney Carter pointed out today. The charge of robbing the woman was dropped against Montone. Then when the Department of Justice G-Men got busy in the case both Cali and Montone were tried for the armed robbery of Harry Content, who was with Mrs. Bell, and each got 25 years, Mr. Carter said. Mr. Content's watch and wallet were taken.

"They talk about these things (fixed cases) down there," observed Mr. Scaffa, "just as you would talk about a drink."

George Z. Medalie, former United Sates Attorney and chief counsel for the detective, objected at this point to further reading of the grand jury testimony, characterizing it as "a lot of irresponsible gossip." His objection was unsuccessful.

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Less Courtroom Comedy

More Justice

Law-abiding persons will be glad to note two recent happenings calculated to increase respect for the courts by the underworld.

Noel Scaffa, the "gem specialist," on trial here, convicted of perjury, is now awaiting sentence.

The late Judge Corrigan used to say that perjury occurred in ninety per cent of the cases tried in the city.

Mr. Scaffa's conviction may give intelligent witnesses in future the idea that it is sometimes UNPROFITABLE TO LIE UNDER OATH.

And up in Malone, N. Y., a Federal judge claps a few friends of Dutch Schultz into jail for contempt of court.

One of these gentlemen testified that he had known Dutch for years but never had learned what business he was in.

Others refused to answer questions, joshed the prosecuting attorney, and wisecracked at the judge, apparently under the impression that a courtroom was an appropriate place for a vaudeville show.

One can understand why they may have thought so, remembering some trials which resembled a three ring circus more than an orderly dispensation of justice. But they were soon set right by a judge who had no taste for their particular brand of humor.

A few more rulings of this sort would give our courts the status of COURTS, instead of "amusement enterprises."

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"G Men" Wage Unending War

Noel C. Scaffa, Private Detective, Answers Charges Based on Evidence Collected by Federal Agents; Pursuit of Slayer Believed to Be One of Weyerhaeuser Kidnapers Continues

Noel C. Scaffa, quick-witted and resourceful private detective, claims that he has recovered about $10,000,000 worth of stolen jewelry during his fifteen years as a confidential agent.

Last week in a New York Federal Court, Scaffa heard a story read which led to his indictment for perjury. It was Scaffa's own account, given before a Federal Grand Jury, of the unusual manner in which a $185,000 worth of jewels, stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in the Miami Biltmore Hotel in Florida last January, were returned to her.



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Noel C. Scaffa

Once a Pinkerton man, Scaffa came into fame as a private detective in 1925 when he recovered $600,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue. All he would tell authorities was that he had got the jewels from an underworld figure in return for the $65,000 offered by the company that had insured the Woolworth gems. Charged with being an accessory to the escape of a felon in this connection, Scaffa was tried and acquitted.

While Scaffa was only being tried for perjury in this trial, he also faced another charge of violation of the Stolen Property Act, in connection with the same case.

Scaffa's Story

his work in recovering the jewels, the Government claimed, the detective received from Glidden $50,000, three-fifths of which he spent in negotiating contacts with the underworld, and two-fifths of which were divided among Scaffa and his confederates on the job.

Government Charges

A maximum sentence of forty-two years awaited Scaffa if evidence collected by "G Men" was sufficient to prove that he lied when he claimed:

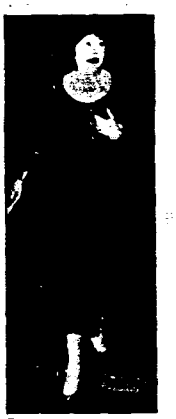
1. That he had no idea how the Bell jewels got into the Union Station locker.
2. That he did not recognize the person who gave him the key to the locker.
3. That he had not seen the stolen property prior to March 18.
4. That he received a fee of only $2,500 from the insurance company for his service in finding the jewelry, and that he accepted no further "reward" in connection with its return.
5. That he could volunteer no information as to where the jewels had been secreted between the time they were stolen and the day of their return to Mrs. Bell.

The Government also alleged that Scaffa violated the Stolen Property Act in transporting the Bell jewels from Florida to New York.

"G Men" in Far West

While Department of Justice agents in the East were testifying in the Scaffa case, "G Men" in the Far West were sticking close to the trail of a slayer who they hoped was William Mahan, accused by Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Waley of being the "brains" behind the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

A teller in the Orting State Bank, eighteen miles southeast of Tacoma, Washington, glanced up from his work one day last week and looked into the gleaming muzzle of a revolver. The teller handed over $500 and the bandit, working alone, disappeared. A telephone-call to Puyallup sent Frank Chadwick, Chief of Police there and Harry Storem, an officer, hurrying after the robber. On a highway outside of Sumner the police caught up with their man and attempted to intercept him. He opened fire. Chadwick was killed. Storem died in a hospital a few hours later.



Keystone

Mrs. M. H. Bell

About twenty-seven years of age, clean-shaven, and cool-headed, the bandit worked in a manner typical of William Mahan.

Illustrative of the appreciation of Americans for work being done by Department of Justice agents is the following editorial comment from the Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*:

"A realistic appreciation of the superior efficiency of the Federal authorities as compared with the forty-eight sets of State and local authorities in fighting the outlaw class is enough for the people. The refinements of the distinction between interstate and intrastate commerce do not interest them in the endless war on crime."

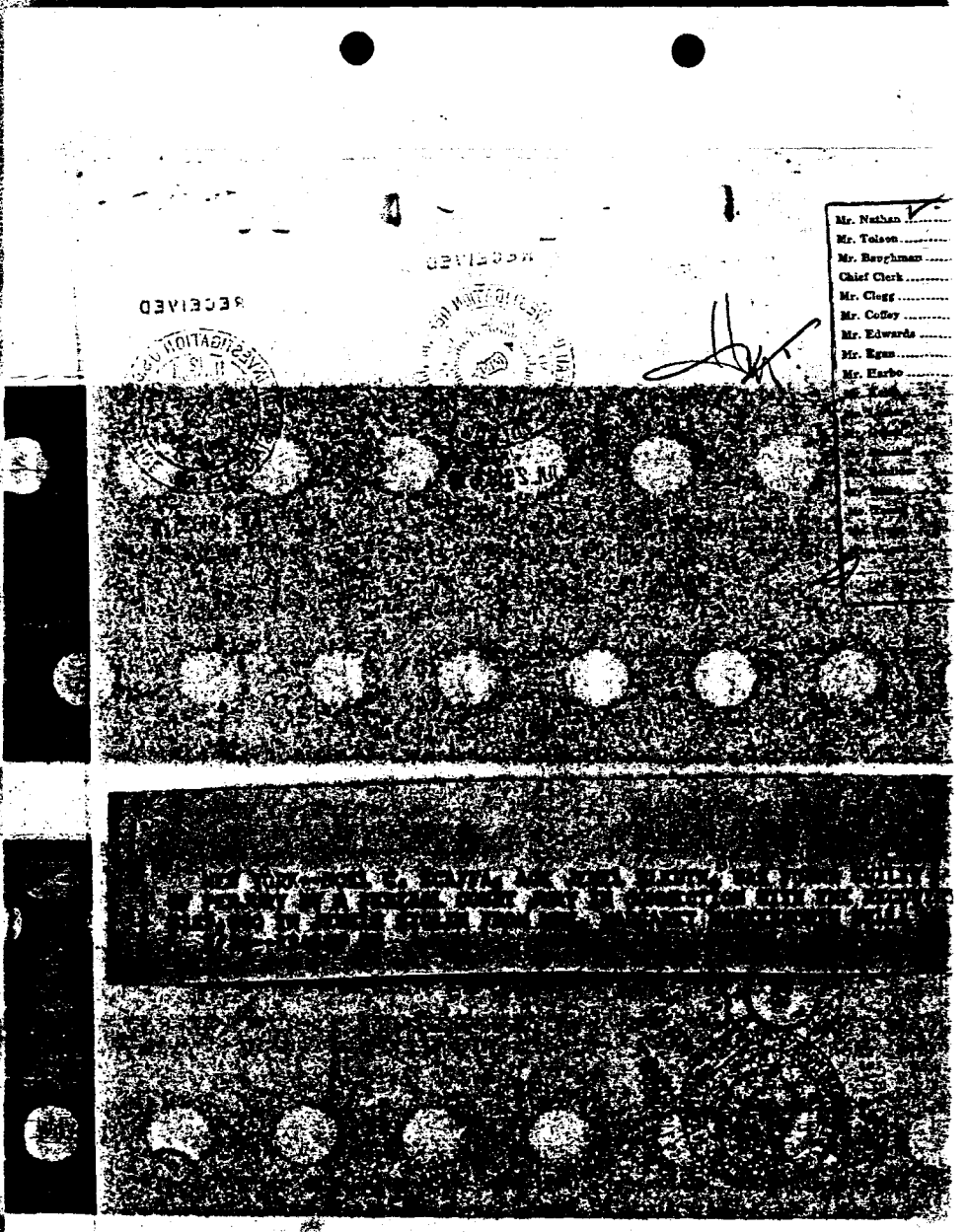
The Richmond *Times-Dispatch* adds: "Kidnaping has become perhaps the most hazardous of gangdom's rackets, and the record of the Department of Justice in tracking 'snatchers' to their doom is one of the most gratifying phenomena of recent years."

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poison for animals.

Having turned their spectroscopes into the heavens, aided by powerful telescopes, astronomers also had discoveries to report. The most spectacular was that of Dr. I. S. Bowen, of the California Institute of Technology, at Pasadena, who had measured the temperature of a far-off star, at present unnamed, and found it to be 180,000 degrees Fahrenheit. This is about eighteen times as hot as the surface of the sun.

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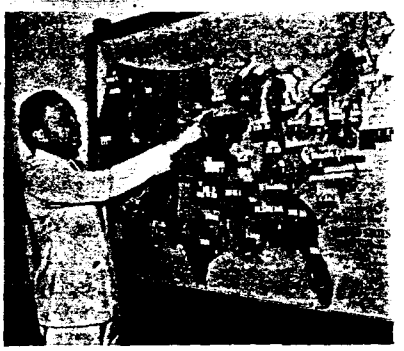

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Who They Get Their Man



Classroom for Department of Justice agents at Washington headquarters: They are never too old to go to school



J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the "G Men," with map sh ing where his agents are working throughout the nati



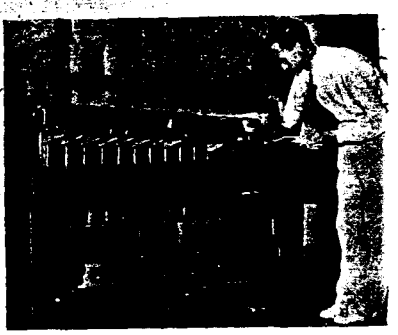
Chemical analysis of evidence often warms the trail of a wanted man



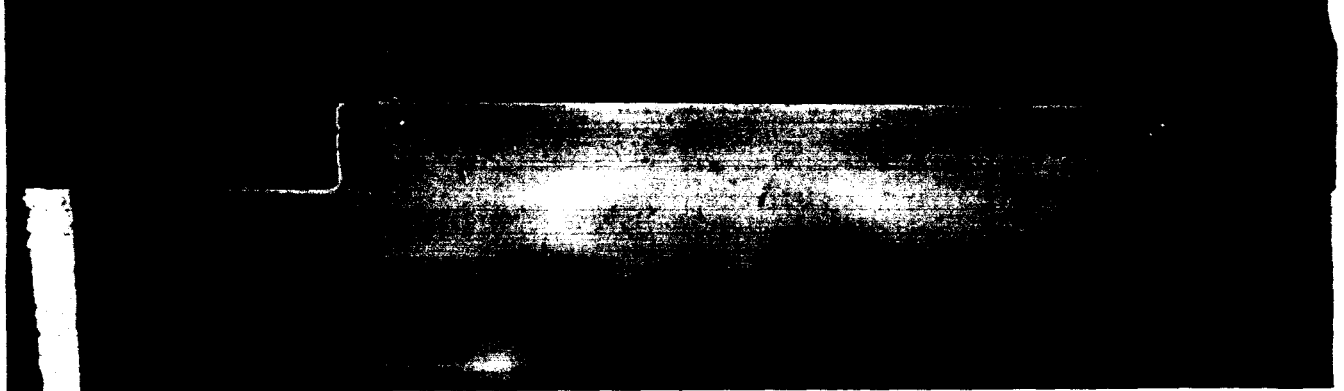
Here the Federal agents learn to combat the crooks who want to shoot it out The range is air-cooled and sound-proof, in the basement at headquarter



These files of finger-prints and criminal records are the nerve center of Justice work



A machine to sort and identify finger-prints, now used experimentally in the Washington office



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SCAFFA CASE WAITS

Sentencing of Perjurer Goes Over One Week

The sentencing of Neal C. Scaffa, the private detective and jewel recovery expert for perjury before the Federal Grand Jury was postponed for one week when the case was called in the Federal court today. The absence of Judge Carroll C. Hincks, whose home district is in Connecticut, was the reason given for the delay.

Scaffa was convicted two weeks ago of making three false statements to a Grand Jury investigating the theft and recovery early this year of jewels insured for $185,500 and belonging to Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Hall, former theater.

Two armed men entered the Miami Biltmore Hotel suite of Mrs. Hall on January 22 and took the jewels. Scaffa was called into the case by Lloyds of London and on March 15 the jewels were recovered in Miami. When Scaffa was asked the details of this recovery he professed not to know who had had the jewels, what they had been or who had returned them.

[illegible] presented during his trial, however, showed that the jewels were actually recovered by Scaffa on March 6 in New York and that he paid out $30,000 for their return. It also showed that a payment corresponding to the exact sum of Scaffa's [illegible] was entered on the books of the [illegible] and that a [illegible] sentence of fifteen years in [illegible]

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"SCAFFA DELAY"

For the second time, the sentencing of Noel Scaffa, private detective, recently convicted of perjury, was postponed yesterday in Federal Court. It is now scheduled for Aug. 27.

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Scaffa's Sentence Postponed

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective convicted of perjury for his testimony concerning the solution of a Miami jewel robbery, will be sentenced Tuesday. A postponement was granted yesterday by Federal Judge Samuel H. Hayes. Judge Carroll C. Hinkle, before whom Scaffa was tried guilty, is on vacation.

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G-Men Nab 'Fence' In $185,000 Theft

Accused of Sale of Gems in Robbery To Noel Scaffa

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He is accused of having sold $185,000 worth of jewels to Noel C. Scaffa, famed private detective, which had been stolen from the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in Miami, last January.

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EX-CONVICT SEIZED IN BELL GEM THEFT

Justice Department Charges He Turned Over $185,000 Jewelry to Scaffa.

PRISONER WAS ON PAROLE

Arrested Here on Return From Saratoga Races Under the Stolen Property Act.

Robert C. Nelson, paroled Sing Sing convict, is under arrest, Department of Justice agents revealed yesterday, for the robbery last January of jewels valued at $185,000 from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell at Coral Gables, Miami, Fla.

Nelson, the Department of Justice charges, is the man from whom Noel Scaffa, private detective now awaiting sentence for perjury in the same case, obtained the jewels in New York for $[illegible]. Nelson is to be arraigned this morning before a United States commissioner at the Federal Building on the charge of conspiracy to violate the National Stolen Property Act.

The arrest was made late Saturday night at the Grand Central Terminal just after Nelson had stepped from a train from Saratoga, where he had been attending the races. For years Nelson has been a race-track habitué well known to many who follow the sport as a turfman. He lives at [illegible] Nineteenth street, [illegible].

Convicted as Receiver.

Five years ago Nelson was convicted as a receiver of New York safe deposit [illegible] yielded [illegible] gems. He [illegible] was a bookmaker [illegible] chased many [illegible] track men.

He was [illegible] General [illegible] sentenced [illegible] years in [illegible] 55 years [illegible] on [illegible] in the year [illegible] Nelson [illegible]

ment of Justice men has been under surveillance during his stay at Saratoga and on his trip back from the resort. They would not say where he was detained. When he walked into the station he was well dressed and was leading a pedigreed Scottish terrier. The arrest was made quietly and escaped the attention of others in the station. Nelson was questioned that night and has been questioned since then.

Eighth Arrest in Case.

In a typewritten statement announcing the arrest and naming J. Edgar Hoover, director of the investigating forces of the Department of Justice as making the specific charge against Nelson, it is further set forth that the jewels, shortly after they were taken from Mrs. Bell at Coral Gables, were in the possession of Nelson in New York and that he offered them to Scaffa, who finally obtained them from him for $45,000 on March 6, 1935. Nelson's is the eighth arrest in the case. Nicholas Montone and Charles Cali were convicted of committing the robbery. They were sentenced to twenty-five years each and are now in the Dade County jail in Miami awaiting a review of their case.

Mrs. Bell was robbed in her suite at the Miami-Biltmore on the evening of Jan. 26. She had worn the jewels to the race track that afternoon and had returned from the track with Harry Content, New York broker. Mr. Content was with her at the time of the robbery.

On March 25 the Miami [illegible] announced that the jewels had been [illegible] They [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] carat diamond ring and other gems. The jewels were found in a railroad station locker in Miami after Scaffa had given a key to the Miami police. Scaffa later testified that he received the key on the afternoon of the day they were recovered from a person whom he did not know. According to the testimony before the grand jury which indicted Scaffa, he discussed a plan to distribute $15,000 of the reward money among the Miami police with whom he also pleaded that leniency be shown Montone if he would plead guilty.

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G-MEN SLAM STEEL GATE ON SCAFFA 'FENCE'

The last man sought for the spectacular $250,000 Bell-Content gem robbery in Miami last Winter, portly Chicago



Mrs. Margaret H. B. Content
Eighth arrest results from theft of which she was victim.

Bob Nelson, dean of American jewel fences, was captured by G-Men yesterday.

His arrest was the eighth to result from the sensational stickup which had a romantic sequel two

(Continued on page 22, col. 3.)

SEIZE SCAFFA ALLY, KING OF GEM 'FENCES'

(Continued from page 2)

weeks ago when the victims, Harry Content, 74 year-old Wall Street wizard, and Margaret Hawksworth Bell, erstwhile favorite dancing star of society, were married.

Chicago Bell, long known on the turf as the walking pawnshop because he usually had a pocketful of hot gems, was the actual intermediary who returned the Hawksworth loot to Ned Scaffa, the master jewel retriever.

Nelson was arrested at his home, 2531 E. 19th St., Brooklyn. He will be arraigned this morning in the Federal Court charged with conspiracy to violate the National Stolen Property Act.

In announcing the capture of Nelson, who was reputed to be the brains of the Gillette conspiracy from which $1,500,000 in loot was recovered in May, 1935, at the Hotel Commodore, the G-Men implied that the taciturn Scaffa might have squealed.

Involved by Bracelets.

"You can use your own judgment, boys, as to how much Scaffa has talked," volunteered a Government agent as the news of Nelson's capture was released.

Nelson was never brought to trial for his part in collecting the mass of booty found in the Commodore. But, shortly afterward, possession of two bracelets worth only $3,000, proved his undoing.

Nelson said he had received them from a bookie to settle a $700 bet, but police proved they belonged to Miss Vera Bruce of Margate, N. J., and he was sent to Sing Sing on Nov. 18, for a term of four to eight years. He

paroled and the G-Men claim [illegible] review of Warden Lewis [illegible] confer[illegible] with J. Edgar Hoover on the subject of parole—after serving only six months.

Linked to Scaffa.

Since his release, said the federal men, Nelson has returned to his old vocation in bigger and better form, and has acted as go-between in five important recent robberies involving gems worth $500,000.

In the Scaffa case, Federal men said, he got the gems from New York underworld pals of Nudy Montoya and Charles Cali, the actual robbers, and turned them over to the noted private detective for $[illegible] At [illegible] court [illegible] government [illegible] to show that Scaffa [illegible] got $[illegible],000 of it back.

Scaffa [illegible] for [illegible] February as a [illegible] the loot. Facing a [illegible] of 15 years plus a [illegible] will appear in [illegible] sentence some [illegible] who [illegible] to New [illegible] Cali, who [illegible] in the [illegible] County Jail [illegible] await[illegible] trial of the [illegible] two years [illegible] the [illegible] crime [illegible] and [illegible] Montoya [illegible] Hawksworth [illegible] Bell, [illegible] Isaacs, [illegible] Stern, [illegible] ers.

Suspect Seized As a 'Fence' in Bell Gem Theft

Hoover's Men Accuse Him of Selling $185,000 in Jewels to Noel Scaffa

Stolen in Miami Hotel

Private Detective Convicted of Perjury in Case

The Department of Justice announced last night that its agents had arrested the Brooklyn fence from whom Noel Scaffa, private detective, bought back for Lloyd's of London the $185,000 jewels that were taken in the Miami-Biltmore robbery of last January 26.

The prisoner is Robert C. Nelson, of 2531 East Nineteenth Street, Brooklyn, the "fence" who was arrested after the famous Commodore Hotel raid of 1930, and whose safe deposit boxes were then found filled with jewelry variously appraised at from $200,000 to $1,000,000. Sentenced in 1931 to serve from four to eight years in Sing Sing, Nelson kept out of prison until November, 1932 by appealing. In August, 1933, he was given a commutation by Governor Herbert H. Lehman, on the ground that two judges of the Court of Appeals had considered the evidence insufficient.

The jewels in the present case were taken from Mrs. Margaret Haverford Bell, former dancer at the Hotel in Coral Gables, Fla., by two gunmen who at the same time [illegible] Content, New York broker [illegible] a watch and $100 from him. Mr. [illegible] first married Mrs. Bell [illegible] ago and they are now [illegible]

Got $15,000 Is Charged

Scaffa, [illegible] in the recovery of [illegible] convicted on July [illegible] here on three counts [illegible] is still awaiting sentence. [illegible] Carroll C. Hincks. He [illegible] before the grand jury [illegible] first seen the [illegible] Miami but it was [illegible] had them in New York previously. The [illegible] son, as [illegible] Scaffa [illegible] half [illegible] of [illegible]

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Details of U. S. Charges

Concluding the [illegible] and the Department of Justice announcement said:

It is specifically charged by the government that soon after the robbery of Mr. Bell at Coral Gables, Nelson possessed the stolen jewelry at New York City and offered the same to Scaffa, who, with the money of Lloyd's of London which had been furnished him by Henry L. Glidden of Teplis & Haddrill (Lloyd's New York adjusters) finally purchased the stolen gems from Nelson for the sum of $45,000 with the understanding that of this amount $15,000 would be returned to Scaffa for the use of the adjusters in paying rewards provided Scaffa could effect arrangements whereby Montone, alias Little Nicky, would receive leniency in the Florida courts.

It is charged by the bureau that Nelson delivered the stolen jewelry to Scaffa on March 6, 1945, and that Scaffa thereafter on behalf of the adjusters visited various Florida officials in the interest of Montone, resulting finally in the public "recovery" at Miami Beach of the stolen property on March 18, 1945, twelve days after the gems actually had been recovered in New York City.

The story which Scaffa told the grand jury, and on which he was convicted of perjury, was that in Miami Beach a mysterious stranger had given him a key to a safe deposit box, that he had given the key to Eugene E. Bryant, chief of Miami detectives, who had opened a safe deposit box and found the jewels.

Mr. Glidden, however, testified that the jewels were turned over to him in New York on March 6 by Scaffa and that the key delivered to Scaffa on March 18 in Miami had been given him by a Glidden agent. Meanwhile Scaffa had been in Miami trying to win clemency for the actual robbers, and, as he explained to the grand jury, "They talk about 'fixes' down there just the same as you talk about having a drink."

Bryant in April resigned as chief of detectives and confessed what he later testified at Scaffa's trial here, that of the $15,000 "reward" he had planned to keep $3,500 for himself, pay the gunmen's lawyer a $2,000 fee, and divide up the rest among unsuspecting members of the Police Department and the offices of the sheriff and solicitor.

During all these revelations, however, nothing had ever been said until yesterday about who it was [illegible] returned the jewels to Scaffa. He is now charged with being the [illegible]

Convict *Accused by* G-Men



ROBERT C. NELSON
Held in Scaffa gem deal
(Story on Page 1.)

Convict Seized as Scaffa Case Fence

Accused of Selling Gems Stolen in Florida to Detective

(Photo on Page 4.)

Robert C. Nelson, portly gray-haired paroled convict, was held by Federal agents yesterday on a charge of having acted as "fence" in the $185,000 Miami-Biltmore jewel robbery case which caused the conviction of Noel Scaffa, private detective.

A statement, authorized by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, declared the department has evidence to show that since 1933 Nelson has been the receiver of $500,000 worth of gems stolen in five large robberies.

The statement disclosed that Nelson, who was known at all Eastern race tracks as "the walking pawn shop," was seized at midnight Saturday.

Nelson is accused of selling the stolen jewels to Scaffa for $43,000.

He is to be arraigned today before a U. S. Commissioner on the specific charge of conspiracy to violate the National Stolen Property Act in the Miami case.

In that robbery the fortune in jewels was stripped from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell in the Miami hotel.

G-MEN TAKE SCAFFA CASE GEM "FENCE"

As a dramatic sequel to the recent arrest and con-
viction for perjury of Noel C. Scaffa, long America's ace
retriever of stolen jewels, J. Edgar
Hoover, chief of "G" men, last
night announced the arrest in
Brooklyn of Robert G. Nelson,
"master fence of the nation," as
the receiver of the gems in the
Miami robbery in connection with
which Scaffa faces 15 years in the
penitentiary.

Nelson's arrest, "G" men stated,
breaks up the biggest and most
dangerous "fence" organization in
the United States.

Nelson is the man who, in 1930,
was taken into custody in dramatic
circumstances at the Hotel Com-
modore after $1,000,000 worth of
jewels, mostly stolen from noted
society women, had been recovered
in four safe deposit boxes in the
city. Nelson is also the man, who,
in an effort to destroy evidence in
connection with payment for the
return of some of the stolen gems,
hurled $50,000 in jewels out of a
window of the hotel.

His latest arrest took place Sat-
urday at 2531 E. 19th St., Brook-
lyn, and was disclosed yesterday.

The jewel robbery in which he is
accused of having acted as the
"fence" was that in which the for-
mer Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth
Bell, and Harry Contest, elderly
broker, whom she has since mar-
ried, were the victims.

Hoover charges that Nelson is
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Mrs. Bell and Contest at the Miami
Biltmore Hotel, January 26, 1935.

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G-MEN GET ACE FENCE IN SCAFFA JEWEL CASE

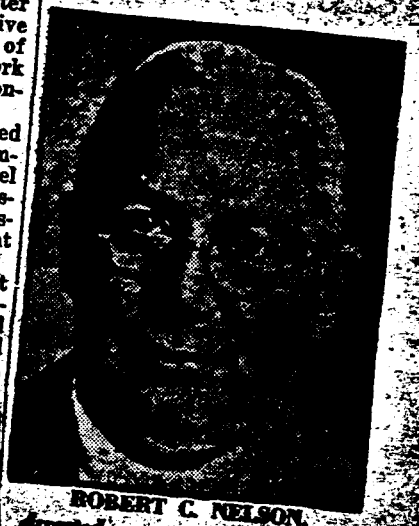
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the information last night, following disclosure of Nelson's arrest, were turned over by the "master fence" to Scaffa as representative for Harry L. Glidden, president of Toplis & Harding, of New York City, adjusters for Lloyds of London.

Nelson, the sixth man rounded up by "G-men" on charges of complicity in the Bell-Content jewel robbery, was brought under suspicion while Scaffa was being questioned by agents of the Department of Justice.

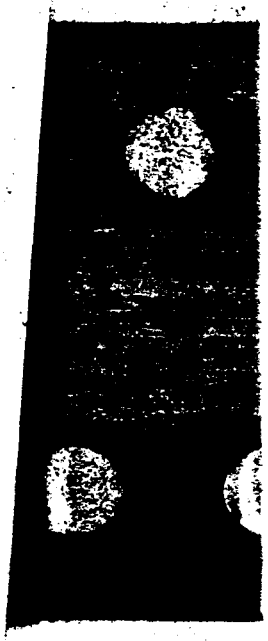
The "G-men" did not know at that time that since Nelson was released from Sing Sing he had acted as a fence in five other jewel robberies aggregating $1,500,000, but they have found definite proof since, they declare.

Nabbed by "G-Men"



ROBERT C. NELSON
Arrested as receiver of stolen gems in Miami robbery.





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Scaffa has been convicted of perjury in the jewel case and is the subject of half a dozen other investigations being conducted by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation.

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CONVICT TRAPPED IN JEWEL ROBBERY

G-Men Arrest Robert C. Nelson, Said to Be Fence for Gems

By The United Press

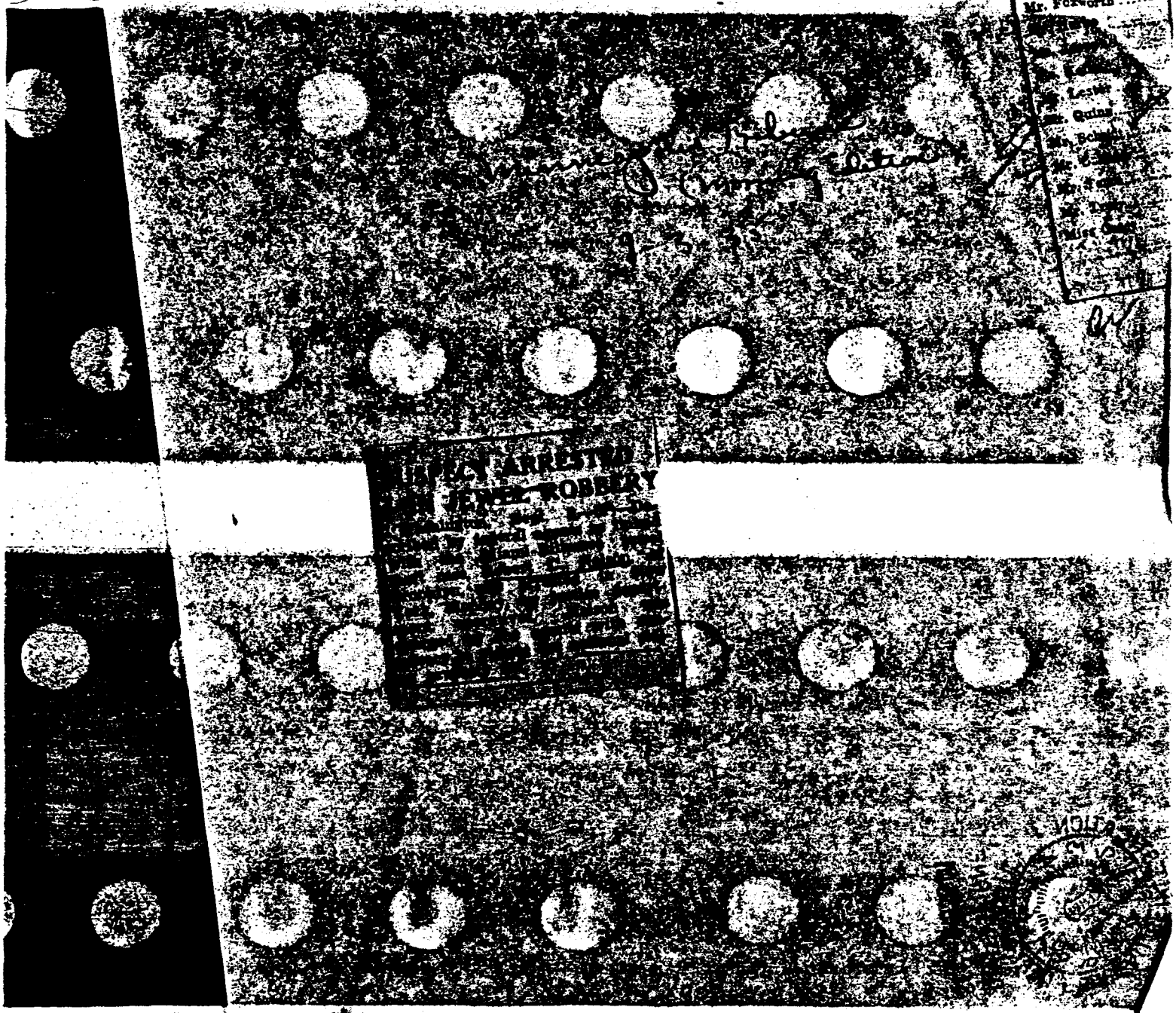
NEW YORK, Sept. 3—Department of Justice agents, speaking for J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, last night announced arrest of Robert C. Nelson, Sing Sing convict, as the eighth defendant in the $185,000 jewel robbery in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel at Miami, Fla., in connection with which Noel C. Scaffa, famed private detective, was convicted of perjury.

Nelson, called by G-men "one of the most important jewel fences on the eastern seaboard," was arrested without resistance in Brooklyn.

Nelson sold the jewels to Scaffa for $45,000, government agents said.

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SCAFFA ADMITS ROLE IN GEM DEAL

Confession by Saloon as Self Case Fence Also Reported by U. S. Agents

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BUGS IN BOMBS BOTHER NELSON; ASKS TRANSFER

Talking Pneumonia Threat to Escape Chief Wants to Go to Federal Jail

[illegible] Nelson, notorious gangster now [illegible] in the Tombs, Robert C. Nelson, 40, the Walking Pneumonia of Commando and Baer mob fame, of hundreds of tracks throughout the country, expressed his desire today to be incarcerated in the Federal House of Detention instead.

Nelson, who yesterday admitted a part in the mysterious recovery of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Ball's $185,000 of stolen jewels and was placed in $6,000 bail by U. S. Commissioner Garret W. Ocster, was freed temporarily when a Western Union check for the sum arrived at the Federal Building late in the day and was hailed in lieu of the formal bond required by court rules. He was to return today and submit a bond for the sheet [illegible]

[illegible] on bonds.

However, the sandy white-haired man who is said to be able to get $100,000 at any race track with only a nod of his head at bookies, is under parole following a commutation of a four to eight year sentence by Governor Lehman. He disappeared May 29th, the state Parole Board and lodged a warrant for his arrest. [illegible] Nelson [illegible] said [illegible] million [illegible] in the [illegible] case [illegible] to [illegible] Accepted [illegible] bonds [illegible] to put [illegible] the [illegible] Federal [illegible] House of Detention [illegible] the [illegible] Nelson's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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NELSON TELLS THEFT ROLE

'WALKING PAWNSHOP' ELECTS TO STAY IN JAIL

HIS DEALINGS WITH SCAFFA

Rather than join the—er—insect life in the Tombs, Robert C. Nelson, sometimes called the "walking pawnshop," moved into the Federal House of Detention yesterday.

Nelson, arrested by Federal men early this week in connection with the mysterious $185,000 Miami jewel robbery that also has Noel C. Scaffa in the toils, had been released informally in bail Wednesday.

'I DON'T LIKE BUGS'

Yesterday the bonding was to have been made formal. But Nelson, who is under parole following commutation of a 4-to-8 year state sentence, heard the State Parole Board was ready to arrest him. He abruptly halted bail proceedings, explaining:

"To put it frankly, I'd rather be in the House of Detention than in the Tombs. I don't like bugs. I've always had a clean house."

Nelson appeared to have no grudge against Scaffa, who has been convicted of perjury in connection with the affair of Mrs. Margaret [illegible] Contents [illegible]

SENTENCE POSTPONED

As to whether Scaffa had been responsible for his arrest, Nelson, in response to a query, remarked:

"Scaffa told Agent Keith of the Department of Justice I couldn't make a cent out of it and he was right. He also said I couldn't know the people who were in it. Again he was right. Scaffa gave me $45,000 and told me I was to give the money to some one who would get in touch with me, and they would give me a key and $1,000 I was to give to Scaffa. I did as directed."

Meanwhile the [illegible] of Scaffa once again was postponed, this time until Sept. 9.

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U. S. AGENTS ROUNDING UP JEWEL MOB

With information in Federal hands that will lead to more than a score of arrests among gem stealing mobs and "fences" in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston, Government agents were reported yesterday on a far-flung quest of individuals named as leaders of four gangs, among whom are alleged to be attorneys of prominence in five Eastern and two Middle Western cities.

The big drive to clean up an international organization of crooks allegedly responsible for jewel robberies totaling nearly $1,000,000 in ten years, is reported to be based on information furnished by Neel C. Scaffa, detective in jewel cases, long employed by Lloyds and other insurance companies, as a retriever of stolen gems.



Henry Nelson

Coincident to the report widely circulated in underworld circles here yesterday when Scaffa, brought up for sentence in United States District Court, following his conviction of perjury by a Federal jury in connection with the $200,000 Hawkes-worth-Bell robbery at the Miami-Biltmore last Winter, heard his sentence deferred to Sept. 18. The dapper sleuth revealed no perturbation as he faced the bench.

Simultaneously with Scaffa's story of sentence Robert C. Nelson, "Chicago Bob," described by police and Federal men as the best known "fence" in the world, was notified by United States Marshal Mulligan of a warrant for his arrest, appearing in the marshal's office, issued by the New York Police Department.

Nelson's attempt to [illegible] Scaffa and Nelson's alleged arrest by Federal men, [illegible]

[illegible] to kill all [illegible]

GOT $45,000.

Scaffa called me on the telephone and wanted me to go to his office, 111 John St. I went there and Scaffa handed me $45,000 in currency. The idea was I was to wait until a man got in touch with me who would use a code word. I took the money home with me that night and the next day a fellow hooked me up. I had never seen him before but he had the code word Scaffa used. I turned over the $45,000 to him and he handed me back $15,000.

"That same night I ran into Scaffa and told him what I had done. He said that was swell and did I have the $15,000.

"That started something with the other guy. He looked me up and demanded why I had given Scaffa the $15,000 without orders. He said he would hold me for the amount. Perhaps he's holding me [illegible]

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Scaffa's Fate

Detective's Sentence Due Monday

The often-postponed sentencing of Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, for perjury is definitely scheduled for next Monday in Federal Court, it was reported last night.

According to the report, Scaffa can expect a sentence of a year in jail on each of the three counts of perjury on which he was found guilty several months ago.

The light sentence, it was said, is to be Scaffa's reward for information he gave Federal agents who recently arrested Robert C. Nelson, alleged "fence" in the $185,000 Miami jewel robbery that got Scaffa in trouble.

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SCAFFA JAILED IN GEM PLOT

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (I.N.S.): Noel C. Scaffa, who achieved world-wide fame for retrieving stolen jewelry, was sentenced to six months in the Federal House of Detention by Judge Carroll C. Hincke today.

Scaffa was found guilty on three counts of perjury, growing out of his activities in recovering jewelry stolen in Florida from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell.

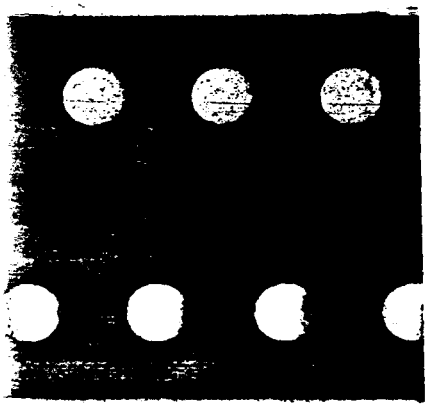
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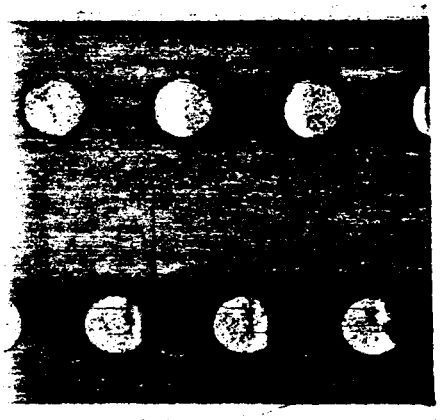
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Noel C. Scaffa.

NOEL C. SCAFFA, GEM DETECTIVE, GETS SIX MONTHS

Was Found Guilty of Perjury in $185,000 Jewelry Recovery Case.

[illegible] C. Scaffa, the private detective who was convicted of perjury in connection with the recovery of [illegible] worth of jewelry which was stolen last January from Mrs. Bernard Hawkesworth Bell, former New York belle, in Miami, was sentenced to serve six months in the Federal House of Detention [illegible] of three counts of Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks today. The sentences are to run concurrently and execution of the sentence was stayed pending appeal. Bail was fixed at $5,000.

[illegible] Scaffa, who was employed by the insurance company which paid Mrs. Bell $185,000 for the jewelry, was found guilty of having entered into a conspiracy with Mrs. Bell's maid, Mary Lou Brown, and Mrs. Bell's chauffeur, Ernest Hall, to recover the jewelry in contravention of the insurance company's terms. Mr. Scaffa, who [illegible] with Mrs. Bell, [illegible] with the insurance company, [illegible] of the jewelry, [illegible] of letters and testimony from various companies [illegible] were permitted to the court as evidence of Scaffa's good reputation in business.

[illegible] Chief Assistant United States Attorney, did not argue for a severe sentence, saying [illegible] the Government was not now in a position to disprove Scaffa's innocence in connection with the theft of the jewels. The detective, however, has been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury with four others on a conspiracy charge.

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Convict Seized as Scaffa Case Fence

Accused of Selling Gems Stolen in Florida to Detective

(Photo on Page 4.)

Robert C. Nelson, portly gray-haired paroled convict, was held by Federal agents yesterday on a charge of having acted as "fence" in the $185,000 Miami-Biltmore jewel robbery case which caused the conviction of Noel Scaffa, private detective.

A statement, authorized by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, declared the department has evidence to show that since 1933 Nelson has been the receiver of $500,000 worth of gems stolen in five large robberies.

The statement disclosed that Nelson, who was known at all eastern race tracks as "the walking pawn shop," was seized at midnight Saturday.

Nelson is accused of selling the stolen jewels to Scaffa for $43,000.

He is to be arraigned today before a U. S. Commissioner on the specific charge of conspiracy to violate the National Stolen Property Act in the Miami case.

In that robbery the fortune in gems was stripped from Mrs. Maxwell Hawkesworth Bell in the

Convict Accused by G-Men



ROBERT C. NELSON
Held in Scaffa gem steal
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~~SCAFFA~~ 'FENCE' FACES QUIZ

The Department of Justice moved otward a final cleanup of jewel thieves along the Eastern seaboard as Noel C. Scaffa faced sentence in Federal Court, and a gray-haired, paroled convict, said to have acted as Scaffa's "fence" in the Miami gam theft, underwent vigorous questioning.

The capture of Robert C. Nelson was accompanied by a statement from G-Man headquarters that he was "one of the biggest jewel fences" in this section of the country and that he was the receiver in robberies totalling $500,000.

Nelson was arrested in Grand Central Terminal upon his return from the races at Saratoga.

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JEWEL FENCE FACES MINIMUM OF EIGHT YEARS

Nelson, Big Dealer in Stolen Gems, Seized in Hold-Up at Miami-Biltmore.

PAROLED BY LEHMAN

Was Linked to Scaffa—Detective and Two Gunmen Already Convicted.

Robert C. Nelson, Brooklyn "fence," who was arrested Saturday by United States agents in the recent $185,000 Miami-Biltmore Hotel jewelry robbery case at Coral Gables, Fla., faces a rpturn to Sing Sing to serve out his maximum term of eight years, even if he beats the federal case, it was revealed today.

Nelson, who lives at 2,531 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, was sentenced in 1931 to four to eight years in Sing Sing Prison after his conviction in the famous Commodore Hotel raid of 1930, when his safe deposit boxes were found filled with from $200,000 to $1,000,000 worth of jewelry. He was paroled in August, 1933, by Governor Lehman.

Held Up by Gunmen.

The jewels in the new case were stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell at the Florida hotel by two gunmen. They also bound and took a watch and $100 from Harry Content, New York broker. Mr. Content has since married Mrs. Bell and is now in Europe on a honeymoon with her.

Noel Scaffa, private detective, long noted for his exploits in the recovery of stolen jewels, was convicted on July 26 in Federal Court here of perjury in connection with the recovery of Mrs. Bell's jewels, and is now awaiting sentence.

He had testified before the Grand Jury that he had first seen the recovered jewels in Miami, but it was proved he had had them in New York two weeks previously.

Linked to Scaffa.

A Department of Justice announcement concerning the arrest of Nelson said:

[illegible] is specifically charged by the government that soon after the robbery of Mrs. Bell at the Coral Gables [illegible] Nelson possessed the stolen jewelry in New York City and [illegible] Scaffa, who with the money

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G-Men Nab 'Fence' In $185,000 Theft

Wash Herald 9/3/35

Accused of Sale of Gems in Robbery To Noel Scaffa

One of gangdom's most powerful "fences" for stolen goods has fallen before the G-men, it was revealed last night at the Department of Justice.

Robert C. Nelson, a paroled convict, described as one of the most sinister and widely known figures in New York's underworld, was seized by the special agents of the Department of Justice, late Saturday in Brooklyn.

He is accused of having sold $185,000 worth of jewels to Noel C. Scaffa, famed private detective, which had been stolen from the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in Miami last January.

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Suspect Seized As a 'Fence' in Bell Gem Theft

Hoover's Men Accuse Him of Selling $185,000 in Jewels to Noel Scaffa

Stolen in Miami Hotel

Private Detective Convicted of Perjury in Case

The Department of Justice announced last night that its agents had arrested the Brooklyn fence from whom Noel Scaffa, private detective, bought back for Lloyd's of London the $185,000 jewels that were taken in the Miami-Biltmore robbery of last January 23.

The prisoner is Robert C. Nelson, 1424 East Nineteenth Street, Brooklyn, known as 'Bobby' who was arrested in the famous 'Commodore Hotel raid' of 1930, and whose safe deposit boxes were then found filled with jewelry variously appraised at from $500,000 to $1,000,000. Sentenced in 1931 to serve from four to eight years in Sing Sing, Nelson kept out of prison until November, 1932, by appealing. In August, 1933, he was given a commutation by Governor Herbert H. Lehman, on the ground that nine judges of the Court of Appeals had considered the evidence insufficient.

The jewels in the present case were taken from Miss Margaret Hawkesworth, debutante dancer, at the hotel in Coral Gables, Fla., by two gunmen who at the same time bound Harry Crockett, New York banker, and took $7,000 from him. Mr. Crockett [illegible] Bell a fortnight [illegible] now in Europe.

[illegible] charged by Lloyd's [illegible] reward for his exploits in the recovery of stolen jewels, was [illegible] July 30 in Federal court [illegible] charges of perjury and [illegible] sentenced by Judge [illegible] He had testified [illegible] that he had [illegible] recovered jewels in [illegible] that he had [illegible] New York [illegible] Nelson [illegible] the jewels to [illegible] Nelson [illegible]



Robert C. Nelson

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paroled. The People's Story [illegible]
that the discretion exercised in releasing Nelson was that of Governor Lehman and that he was one of seventeen prisoners who were given executive clemency on August 15, 1933. This commutation was given long before Nelson was eligible for parole under the parole law; it was explained that the Governor had been influenced by a dissenting opinion by two judges of the Court of Appeals who held there had been insufficient evidence for conviction.

If the Federal authorities should be unable to convict him, the State Parole Board, if convinced that he has violated the conditions of his release, can send him back to prison to serve out his maximum term of eight years.

Nelson's arrest was only the latest of a rapid series of chapters which have followed since the Federal agents began working on the Miami robbery, entering the case after charges against Nicholas Montone, of New York, had been dropped, the Federal men [illegible] local authorities evidence on which both Montone and Charles Co[illegible] were convicted of robbery and sentenced to serve twenty-five years in the Florida State Penitentiary. They are now in Dade County jail pending appeal.

Details of U. S. Charges

Concerning the charges against Nelson the Department of Justice announcement said:

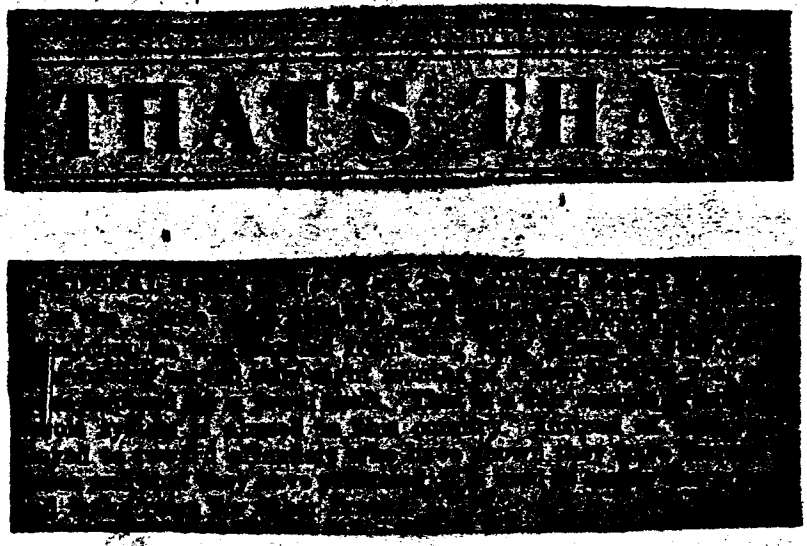
"It is specifically charged by the Government that soon after the robbery of Mrs. Bell at Coral Gables Nelson possessed the stolen jewelry in New York City and entered into negotiations, through [illegible] with the agents of Lloyd's of London which [illegible] retained him by Henry [illegible] & Harding (Lloyd's [illegible] brokers) finally purchased [illegible] from Nelson the [illegible] took with the understanding [illegible] amount ($185,000 [illegible] paid by Scaffa for the use of [illegible] in paying [illegible]

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NELSON DENIES JEWEL CHARGE

'Walking Pawnshop' Asserts He Spoke Truth.

TELLS JUDGE HE WON'T FLEE

But Court Fixes Bail at $5000 for Further Hearing Sept. 18.

Robert C. Nelson, elderly paroled convict who is known as the "walking pawnshop" around the race tracks, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Garrett S. Cotter in the Federal Building this afternoon and held in $5,000 bail for a further hearing September 18 on a complaint charging him with violating the national stolen property act.

The stolen property in this case, according to Assistant United States Attorney Edward Carter, was the jewelry of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Ball, former debutante, who recently married Harry Davenport, a New York broker. The jewels, insured for $150,000, were stolen on January 8 in Miami and were recovered under mysterious circumstances after Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, was called into the case.

The mysterious circumstances were such that the Department of Justice made an investigation which led to the indictment of Scaffa and four others on charges of conspiracy and violation of the stolen property

Scaffa, called as a witness before the Federal Grand Jury, gave false answers to questions concerning the jewels and was recently convicted of perjury.

The sentencing of Scaffa on his conviction, after many postponements, has been set for September 9. In the meantime he is reported to have made certain statements to Department of Justice agents which led to the arrest on Monday of Nelson at the Grand Central Terminal.

He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and he was convicted in General Sessions in 1931 as a receiver of stolen property. He was sentenced to serve from four to eight years in Sing Sing, but this sentence was commuted and he was released on parole by Gov. Lehman after serving less than a year in prison.

Bail Fixed at $5,000.

In arraigning him today Mr. Cotter told the Commissioner that in view of Nelson's record and reputation as a "fence" he felt bail should be set at $10,000. He pointed out that Scaffa recovered the Ball jewels from Nelson after payment of a "ransom" of $45,000 on March 6.

Asked what he had to say for himself, Nelson replied that he had told the truth to the Department of Justice agents and I don't feel that I am guilty of wrongdoing in this case. I am a big stockholder and I delivered the jewels to Scaffa without any knowledge of what happened.

[illegible] bail and [illegible] $5,000 bail for a further hearing [illegible]

W. L. LISTERMAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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NELSON QUESTIONED IN SCAFFA GEM CASE

Federal Prosecutor Is Silent on Possible Admissions by Suspect on Return of Jewels.

Robert C. Nelson of 2,531 East Nineteenth Street, Brooklyn, known to the police as Chicago Bob, was examined for several hours yesterday by J. Howard Cater, Assistant United States Attorney, in connection with the return of the $185,000 in jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell at Coral Gables in Miami.

Nelson, a familiar figure at race tracks here and in the South, is accused of having turned the gems over to Noel Scaffa, private detective, who arranged a method for getting the jewelry into the hands of the Miami police.

What admissions were made by Nelson were not revealed by Mr. Carter, but instead of taking Nelson before a United States Commissioner as the Department of Justice agents had planned, he returned Nelson to the agents.

There were reports that Scaffa, who was convicted of perjury before a Federal Grand Jury, had told the agents that Nelson had taken the gems to him. The agents refused to affirm or deny the report.

Mr. Carter declined to say whether there was any truth in reports that Nelson had been captured on information supplied by Scaffa, who is out on bail pending sentence on the perjury charge. The Federal men also denied that they had given out a statement that Scaffa and Nelson had admitted they worked together in the return of the jewels.

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ACCUSED



ROBERT C. NELSON

BROOKLYN jeweler who was arrested by G-Men in connection with operations of a jewelry ring in which Noel C. Scaffa was arrested and convicted of perjury. Department of Justice agents assert they have evidence that Nelson acted as "fence"

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SCAFFA REVEALS ALL

JEWEL RING ACTIVITY EXPOSED TO U. S. MEN

Noel C. Scaffa, "who never talks," has told all.

The international sleuth who has regained most of the jewels stolen from society folk and others of the wealthy during recent years has "squawked," according to the G-Men.

A fancy ring that preyed on night club patrons, spotting the heavily bejeweled, slipping the word to the "lifters" and later placing the "lifted" gems for sale or for retrieval—at a price—is said to have been completely uncovered.

It is declared that Roger C. Nelson, arrested Monday as the "fence" in the matter of the theft of the jewels of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami, Fla., last January has also confessed to his part in that deal by which Mrs. Bell lost her gems and recovered them after hiring Scaffa to do the recovering.

Scaffa has already been tried and convicted of telling [illegible] the authorities. Within a few days he is to be sentenced by a Federal judge to a possible [illegible] prison for perjury. He [illegible] save himself quite a [illegible] time by a confession.

Frank Costello, [illegible] player, makes a fourth in the [illegible] figure. He is said to have arranged the delivery of the gems from Mrs. Bell suite into the hands of [illegible] men, there to be [illegible]

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(International)

MRS. BELL CONTENT.

While she is in Europe G-men are at work.

SCAFFA B[illegible] IN BELL

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Scaffa, who in turn brought them back to their owner on payment of $45,000 "ransom" paid by an agent of Lloyds, the famous London insurance agency.

The Federal agents will charge that the actual "lifting" of the $185,000 Bell jewels was engineered by Nick Montone and Chick Cali. At the same time was "lifted" a watch and rings belonging to Harry Content, New York broker.

Scaffa has become famous through his return of gems of the wealthy over a period of years—often gems that none else could have. He smartly brought

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'FENCE' GIVES GEM CLUES

WILL TELL ALL

Robert C. Nelson, seized as the "fence" in the $185,000 Miami-Biltmore jewel robbery, was reported yesterday to have given Federal agents information that may lead to indictment of other go-betweens and gem thieves, and may even involve New York policemen.

There were unconfirmed reports that Noel Scaffa, convicted of perjury after he bought the Miami loot from Nelson and lied about it, had made admissions corroborating Nelson's story.

'ON SPOT'

The 59-year-old Nelson, known at all Eastern race tracks for years as the "walking pawnshop" because of his willingness to lend money on jewels, revealed his readiness to "tell all" while being questioned by J. Howard Carter, Chief Assistant Federal Attorney. A lawyer who said he had been sent by Nelson's friends hovered in the corridor outside Carter's office with a writ for his release. Nelson saw him and declared:

"I don't need you. I'm on the spot and I'm going to tell everything. Everyone who was with me is going with me."

BELL CASE

Nelson is specifically charged with possessing the jewels stolen from the former Mrs. Margaret Hayseworth Bell in [illegible] last January, and with selling them to [illegible] for $15,000 [illegible] Scaffa

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'Human Pawn Shop' Admits Part in Scaffa Gem Deal

"Did Something Foolish," Says Nelson, but Denies Guilt—Acted as Stakeholder for Underworld in Recovery of Bell Jewels—Held in Bail.

By EARL SPARLING,
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Robert C. Nelson, known to race track followers throughout the country as "The Walking Pawnshop," admitted his part in the mysterious recovery of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell's $185,000 of stolen jewels when arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter today.

"In this case I did something wrong," he told the Commissioner. "I think I'm really not guilty, but I've confessed to the government I did something foolish. I acted as stakeholder and turned the jewelry over to Scaffa."

Nelson was arrested after Noel C. Scaffa, ace jewel robbery detective, now awaiting sentence for perjury in connection with the Bell robbery, had thrown away his customary reticence and told Washington G-men that he had received the stolen jewels from the race track loan shark.

Eighth Person Arrested.

Nelson, the eighth person arrested in the case, was arraigned on charge of "transporting or causing to be transported" stolen jewelry in violation of the recently enacted Federal Stolen Property act. Commissioner Cotter placed his bail at $5,000 and set his hearing for September 12.

After the arraignment and while he waited for friends to arrange bail, Nelson talked freely about his participation in the case which G-men are concentrating upon to test the effectiveness of the Federal Stolen Property act.

"I don't blame Scaffa for doing everything to save his own hide," he said, "but all I did was act as stakeholder. They (the underworld) did not trust Scaffa, so he gave me the money and told me to turn it over to a man who would call on me with an envelope.

Nelson insisted, and thus left the case still as mysterious as ever. What the federal agents are trying to discover is who actually transported the jewels from Miami, Fla., where they were stolen to New York City where they eventually were turned over to Nelson and by him to Scaffa.

J. Howard Carter, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, who questioned Nelson for hours following his arrest early last Saturday night in the Grand Central Terminal, indicated today that there would be additional arrests.

"It will be weeks before we get this thing fully pieced together," he said. "Everywhere we turn we run onto new trails, and most of the trails end up as blind alleys."

Held in Hotel Room.

In accordance with their new policy of giving all prisoners a "gentlemanly going over," the G-men kept Nelson incommunicado in an unidentified midtown hotel from the time of his arrest until his arraignment. [illegible]

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NELSON ADMITS TURNING GEMS OVER TO SCAFFA

Alleged "Fence," at Arraignment, Insists He Didn't Know What It Was All About

Keeping a firm grip on a small black bag—contents undisclosed—Robert C. Nelson, alleged "fence" in the $185,000 Miami jewel robbery, stood up for arraignment before U. S. Commissioner Cotter yesterday.

He was held in $5,000 bail for hearing Sept. 18, accused of transporting the gems and turning them over to Noel C. Scaffa for $15,000.

Sentencing Put Off

At the same time it was learned that Scaffa, recently convicted of perjury in the case, will not be sentenced until next week. His sentencing had been scheduled for today.

Whether the postponement was caused by further facts disclosed by Nelson was not learned. Nelson was rumored to have "talked his head off" to Federal officials.

Denies Wrongdoing

When arraigned yesterday, the prisoner, also known as "Chicago Bob" and the "walking pawnshop," declared to Commissioner Cotter:

"I have told the truth. I don't think I am guilty of any wrongdoing in this case. I was a big stakeholder and delivered it over to Scaffa without any knowledge of what had happened."

The jewels were stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell in Miami last January. Scaffa is now free in $10,000 bail.

Nelson later posted bond and left here for the night. He will appear before the Federal Grand [illegible]

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GEM CASE SUSPECT FINICKY ON JAILS

Nelson Doesn't Like "Bugs and Dirt" at Tombs and Stays in Federal Pen

Robert C. Nelson, the "walking pawnshop" who is accused of being the fence in the Bell jewel robbery, is very particular about the jails he patronizes.

In order to go to the Federal House of Detention instead of the Tombs, he withdrew $5,000 bail he had posted in Federal Court.

He was released last night when he put up a Western Union check for $5,000, and today he went before Federal Judge Kennedy to post a substitute bond.

He learned, however, that the State Parole Board had lodged a warrant for him with the United States Marshal and that he was to be arrested for parole violation as soon as the Federal authorities released him. So he withdrew his $5,000 bond.

"To put it frankly," he told reporters, "I'd rather be in the House of Detention than in the Tombs. I don't like dirt. I don't like bugs. I've always had a clean home."

The Federal authorities accuse Nelson of selling the $185,000 worth of jewels stolen in Miami from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell to Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, for $30,000.

Scoffa, who was convicted in July of perjuring himself when he testified before the Federal Grand Jury about the recovery of the jewels, also came up before Judge Kennedy today.

At the request of Chief Assistant United States Attorney J. Howard Carter, Judge Kennedy postponed sentencing him until September 16. Scaffa is also under indictment for conspiracy to violate the Federal stolen property act.

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EX-CONVICT IS HELD IN BELL GEM THEFT

'Walking Pawnshop' Admits He Delivered $185,000 Jewels to Noel Scaffa.

BAIL IS PLACED AT $5,000

Hearing on Stolen Property Act Charge Is Scheduled for September 18.

Robert C. Nelson, a paroled convict," who is known as Chicago Bob and the "walking pawnshop," admitted yesterday that he had played an "innocent" part in the recovery of $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami, Fla.

Arraigned before Garrett W. Cotter, United States Commissioner, on a charge of having violated the national stolen property act, Nelson was released in $5,000 bail for a hearing on Sept. 18.

Nelson said that he had delivered the jewelry to Noel Scaffa, private detective, who was recently convicted of having perjured himself before a Federal grand jury which investigated the recovery of the jewelry.

Commissioner Cotter asked the white-haired apple-cheeked prisoner what he had to say for himself.

"I told the truth to the government," he said, referring to statements he had made to Federal agents last Saturday following his arrest. "I don't think I am guilty of wrongdoing in this case. I was a big stakeholder, and I delivered the jewels to Scaffa without any knowledge of what happened."

J. Howard Carter, Acting United States Attorney, asked the commissioner to fix bail at $10,000. He pointed out that Nelson had been convicted here of a receiver of stolen goods and that Governor Lehman had commuted his sentence of from four to eight years.

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'Walking Pawnshop' Free On Bond in Gem Robbery

Nelson Denies Wrongdoing in Delivering Jewels to Scaffa

Robert O. Nelson, of 8581 East Nineteenth Street, Brooklyn, who is known to race track habitues as "The Walking Pawnshop," was released in $5,000 bail for a hearing September 18 when he was arraigned yesterday before Garrett W. Cotter, United States Commissioner, for alleged violation of the national stolen property act, which makes it a Federal offense to transport stolen property across state lines.

Nelson is accused of having delivered the $135,000 jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, now Mrs. Harry Content, in Miami January 28, to Noel Scaffa, the private detective who figured in the return of the jewels and who subsequently was convicted of perjury in the case. J. Howard Carter, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, argued that bail should be set at $10,000. Nelson, he said, had been convicted in New York of receiving stolen goods, but his sentence of from four to eight years had been commuted by Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Nelson, who appeared without a lawyer, said: "I told the truth to the government. I don't think I am guilty of any wrongdoing in this case. I was a bet stakeholder and delivered it over to Scaffa without any knowledge of what happened or what his status was."

Nelson is the fifth person Scaffa is to be arrested in this district in connection with the robbery.

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Nelson is accused of having delivered the $165,000 jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, of Mr. Harry Content, in Miami Jan. 26, to Noel Scaffa, the private detective who figured in the return of the jewels and who subsequently was convicted of perjury in the case.

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Nelson is the fifth person indicted in connection with the robbery.

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FENCE HELD IN SCAFFA GEM CASE

By ARTHUR JONES PEGLER.

Robert C. Nelson, "Chicago Bob," most notorious jewel fence in the world, police assert, who tossed $50,000 worth of gems and $20 bills from a Commodore Hotel window in May, 1930, to foil police raiders, was held for trial in $5,000 bail yesterday by U. S. Commissioner Cotter as brains of the Margaret Hawkesworth-Bell $200,000 jewel robbery at Miami last Winter.

Nelson is the last man wanted in the Miami case to be captured by Federal officers. Of the others involved Noel C. Scaffa, celebrated private detective convicted of perjury by a Federal jury, is the most prominent. Scaffa will appear for sentence in the Federal District Court this morning.

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Scaffa 'Aide' Picks U. S. Cell for Stay

The robbery and recovery of $185,000 worth of Miami jewels last Winter, which brought a perjury conviction to Noel C. Scaffa, gem sleuth extraordinary, continued to be a slowly developing story today.

As the Government again postponed teh sentencing of Scaffa, Robert C. Nelson, alias "Chicago Bob," charged with transporting the jewels to New York, voluntarily canceled his own $5,000 bail and lodged himself in the Federal House of Detention.

His motive, he explained, was to avoid being taken to the Tombs to await a State action charging him with violation of parole after a previous imprisonment on another jewel charge.

"I'd rather be in the Federal House than the Tombs," he said, "because I don't like dirt and I don't like bugs."

Federal agents who have never ceased to work on the case since the conviction of Scaffa on the perjury charge, jailed Nelson this week as the man who transported Mrs. Hawkesworth-Bell's jewelry after the theft from Florida to New York.

HASN'T GUTS.

"Scaffa hasn't got the guts to tell who he really dealth with in getting back the jewels," Nelson said today.

He insisted he was just Scaffa's "come-on" man for contacting the actual thieves.

"I didn't make a dollar out of the case or know any of the men involved and that's the truth."

"All I know is that Scaffa gave me $45,000 to give to somebody who would get in touch with me. A man did get in touch with me and I gave him the $45,000 and he gave me a key."

RETURNED CASH.

The key was presumed to have unlocked a deposit box in Miami where the jewels were cached.

"This man gave me back $15,000 and told me to keep it until somebody else got in touch with me. I gave this $15,000 back to Scaffa at his own request.

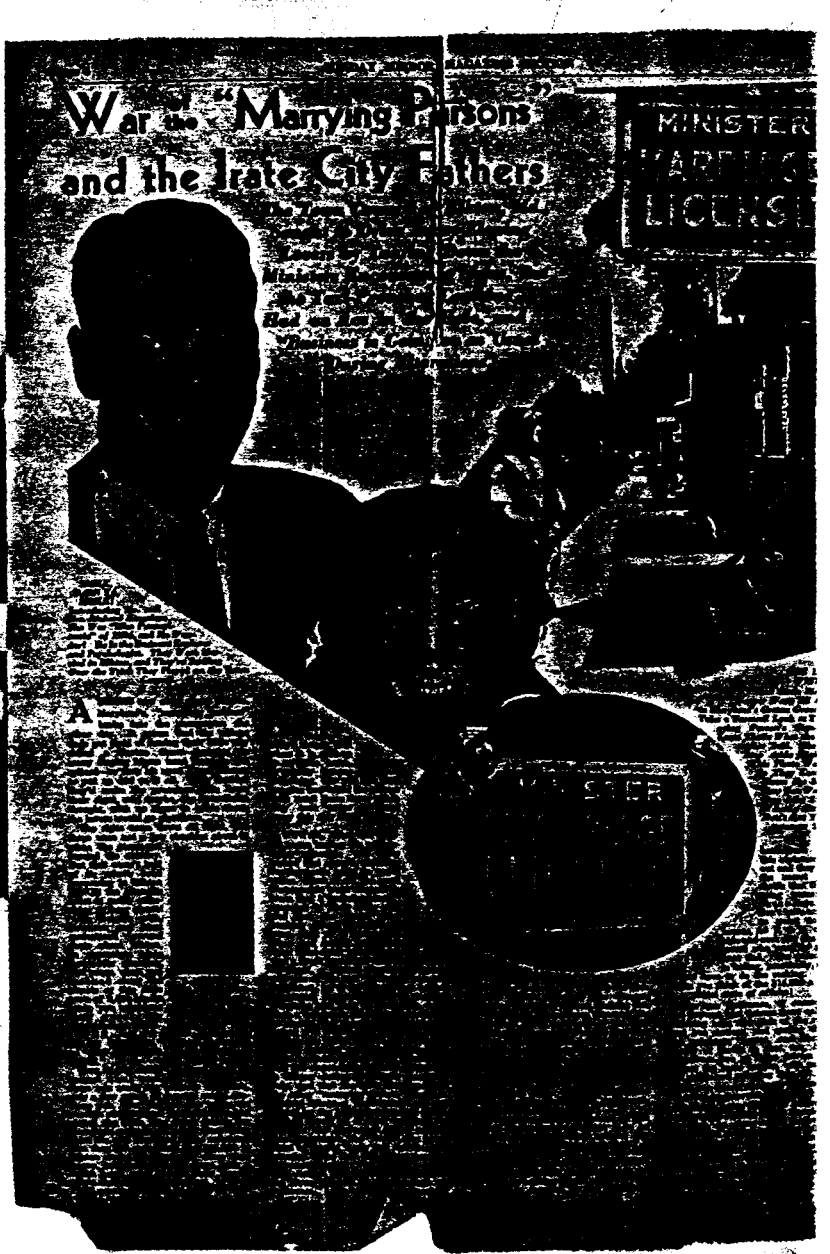
"Then a man telephoned me one day and when I told him Scaffa had the money he told me I'd have to make it good."

The delayed sentencing of Scaffa, now set for Sept. 16, was explained by Assistant U. S. Attorney J. Howard Carter as due to the continued absence on vacation of Scaffa's attorney, George Z. Medalie.

But it was significant that postponements were followed by further developments in the Government's efforts to unravel the tangled story.

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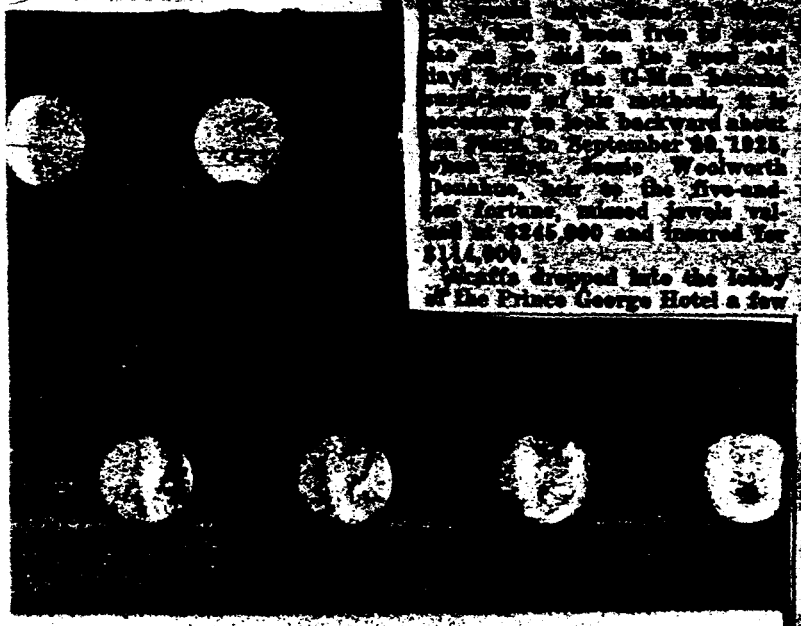
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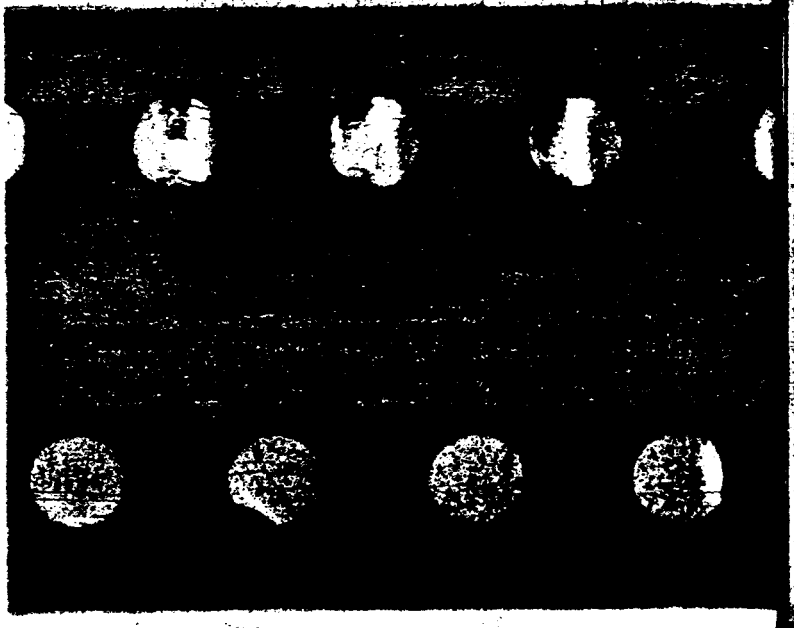
RIPPLES GRABS $30,000 JEWELS IN ISLAND ROBBERY

$7,000 IN GEMS STOLEN FROM HOTEL ROOMS

Uncle Sam Has Trapped Society's Favorite Sleuth, and Crooks Have Been Surprisingly Busy in the Homes of the Rich, With Detective Cases Going Begging for Lack of a Man Who Can Guarantee Results

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Seattle dropped into the lobby of the Prince George Hotel a few ... ...ter 9:00, $77,000 ... ...ewels. He paid $45,000 of it ... ...n he told he knew only as ... ...Lorenz" and then folded ... the missing jewelry. ... ...e seven days later Myron ... ...Smith returned the gems to Mrs. Donahue. Nobody knew why he had paid, but the police shrewdly suspected that he had done so to give the real thieves time to escape. That made the police mad. They preferred charges of compounding a felony against Seattle, and for nearly two years the matter hung fire. One trial fell through; in a second he won a directed verdict of acquittal.

The end of the matter was that it only enhanced his reputation, already made substantial. Previously he had recovered $32,000 worth of ornaments for Mrs. Stedman Bent of Philadelphia, explaining blandly that they had been thrown into his hotel window by an unknown person. He had been active in the hunt for $10,000 worth of jewels taken from the Misses Taylor home, $25,000 worth taken from Mrs. William T. Starr, $35,000 worth taken from the H. E. Talbott home, $275,000 worth owned by Mrs. Myron H. Taylor, and $25,000 worth owned by H. H. Gibson. Also he said he found $100,000 worth of valuables and money stolen from the Van Hoorn Candee Company of Albany which had been carelessly left in the traveling bags checked in a railroad station.

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NOEL SCAFFA GETS 6 MOS. IN PERJURY

U. S. Court Gives Detective 2 Weeks' Freedom to Frame Story for Mother

Noel C. Scaffa today was sentenced to six months in Federal prison for perjuring himself before the Federal Grand Jury, which investigated the mysterious return of a fortune in jewels stolen last winter in Florida from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell.

The private detective and ace gem retriever was found guilty on three of six counts in the perjury indistment and sentenced to six months on each, but Judge Hincks ordered the terms to be served concurrently.

The judge then suspended execution of sentence for two weeks and allowed Scaffa to remain free in bail while he arranged his private affairs.

His counsel, former United States Attorney George Z. Medalie, said Scaffa's seventy-five-year-old mother does not know of her son's predicament and the detective wants to prepare a story which will explain to her satisfaction his impending six-months' absence.

In his plea for a light sentence, Mr. Medalie said that since his trial Scaffa has "placed himself at the disposal of the United States Attorney and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

He added that the detective has told the full and complete truth concerning his connection with the case" and that "his statement has given additional information which has been of great assistance to the government."

Further, said Mr. Medalie, Scaffa is willing to co-operate further and will make available information on other gem theft cases.

Scaffa still faces trial on an in-

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Scaffa Gets 6 Months on Perjury Charge

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dictment charging conspiracy to transport stolen property.

In passing sentence Judge Hincks said there was no evidence that Scaffa had any part in the theft of Mrs. Bell's gems, and that there was no evidence that anything but perjury had been committed.

"But you cannot commit perjury and then after conviction purge yourself by telling the truth," he said.

Mrs. Bell's jewels, stolen in December in a gun-point holdup in the Miami Biltmore Hotel, were found in a lockbox in a Miami bus station last March 18. A jury found Scaffa guilty of perjury in saying that he had not seen the gems before they were recovered, that he did not know where or by whom they were concealed, and that he did not know how they came to be in the lockbox.

With a maximum sentence of five years possible on each of the three counts, Scaffa could have been sent to Federal prison for fifteen years.

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plea by George Z. Medalie, defense counsel, in which he declared Scaffa had been moved by "a mistaken loyalty to his employer," and that he had no connection with the theft other than the negotiation of the return of the jewels. Mr. Medalie submitted a sheaf of letters from insurance companies, law firms and lawyers, with whom Scaffa was said to have had close relations from 15 to 25 years.

Judge's Comment

"It does appear, however," Judge Hincks said, "that in proceedings before the Grand Jury, the defendant failed to recognize his paramount duty to tell the truth, but instead held another duty, to other individuals, to be higher than his duty as a witness. It must not be supposed that one may commit perjury and escape punishment, because after trial and conviction he admits that the charge against him was true. However, the perjury was disclosed in the trial, and that entitles the defendant to such consideration."

Scaffa was found guilty on three charges, and in imposing sentence Judge Hincks said the term would be for six months each on the

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...and that he had not known ... stolen when they were ...

... Assistant United States Attorney, said that following his conviction Scaffa had come in and made a full and complete confession of his part in the return of the jewels.

After Scaffa's arraignment on May 31 as Howard, alias Kinney, Contento and three others were arrested on charges of conspiring to remove stolen jewelry from State to interstate commerce.

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TO KNOW FATE

Scaffa in Court Today for Sentence



JEWEL THEFT CASE CLIMAX

3-YEAR TERM LIKELY

Neal C. Scaffa, private detective, convicted of perjury in connection with the return of $185,000 in jewels stolen from Mrs. Harry Content in Miami last Winter, will be sentenced in Federal Court this morning.

Sentencing has been repeatedly postponed when the detective evinced a willingness to tell the whole story concerning recovery of the jewels. This resulted in Scaffa naming Robert C. Nelson, alias "Chicago Boy," as the man from whom he bought back the gems.

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SCAFFA GIVEN 6 MONTHS IN U. S. JAIL

Sentence Begins Oct. 1; Wins Stay to Settle Personal Affairs

Facing a possible 15-year term for perjury, Noel C. Scaffa, ace retriever of stolen gems, was given the comparatively light sentence of six months in the Federal House of Detention today.

The sentence was passed by Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks, after being four times postponed. Scaffa will remain at liberty until Sept. 30, through a stay of execution granted to give him time to attend to his personal affairs.

The debonair, sleuth, who has affected the return of stolen jewelry worth millions during his strange, enigmatic career, was found guilty of three counts of perjury. He was given six months on each count, the sentences to run concurrently so that he will be out in early Spring.

The light sentence was imposed after George Z. Medalie, defense counsel, made an eloquent plea, saying Scaffa "had been very helpful to the government."

COMPLETE CONFESSION.

The extent to which Scaffa "sang" to the Government was not brought out, but it is known that he was instrumental in turning up Robert C. Nelson, charged with participating in the $185,000 theft from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell Content in Florida.

It was the testimony given by Scaffa to the Grand Jury regarding the recovery of the gems belonging to Mrs. Content that led to his indictment on the three perjury counts.

Assistant District Attorney [illegible] and Cotter, in charge of the [illegible] did not oppose the [illegible]

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SCAFFA GIVEN 6 MONTHS IN JEWEL CASE

Receives Stay of Sentence So He Can Arrange Business and Inform a Near Relative

Noel C. Scaffa, stolen gem detector, was sentenced yesterday to six months in prison for telling a false story of how he recovered the jewelry stolen in the Bell-Content robbery in Florida last Winter.

It is the first time the private detective's unusual business ac-



NOEL C. SCAFFA

...within two weeks he will be picked up in the local House of Detention. Because of the short sentence he will not be sent to a penitentiary.

...ded in Arrest

The short term had been expected. It was reported several days ago that Scaffa would receive leniency in return for his reported help in the arrest of Robert C. Nelson, the "walking pawnshop" accused of acting as receiver for the $185,000 worth of gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret Bell Content, former dancer.

These reports were not confirmed directly however. In court, Assistant U. S. Attorney Carter said simply to Federal Judge Hincks that Scaffa had "made a full and complete confession of his part in the return of the jewels."

The judge remarked that Scaffa had not taken part in the Miami robbery. Scaffa, the judge continued, was entitled "to some consideration" for not repeating at his trial the perjury committed before a Grand Jury.

...Terms Made One

So, on each of the three perjury counts on which he had been found guilty, six-month terms were imposed. But they are to run concurrently, so they have the effect of only one sentence.

George E. Medalie, defense counsel, had asked for even greater leniency. He said that many lawyers and insurance men had suspected a suspended sentence... appeared philosophical about it. He had no comment on the sentence itself and, when asked about his plans, remarked: "The future is in the hands of God."

In connection with the Bell recovery, Scaffa still faces a federal charge of conspiracy. He is under indictment with ... Broadway ...

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SCAFFA, FACING 15 YEARS, GETS ONLY 6 MONTHS

Still the canny bargainer, Noel Scaffa got off with a six-month sentence for perjury in Federal Court yesterday. Judge Carroll C. Hincks, who could have given him fifteen years, explained that the wily entrepreneur in gems had been useful to the Government.

"The future is in the lap of the gods," Scaffa remarked dryly when he was asked as he left the courtroom whether he intended to rehabilitate his detective agency after he serves his term in the Federal House of Detention, 11th and West ...

Given Stay to Sept. 30.

In contrast to the intensity with which Department of Justice agents ...

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Facing 15 Years, Scaffa Gets 6 Mos.

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pursued Scaffa and trapped him in his lies before the Grand Jury, the Government extended every courtesy to the sallow little sleuth yesterday.

On the plea of George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney and his counsel, Scaffa's sentence was stayed until Sept. 30 so he might wind up his business affairs.

Judge Hincks salved Scaffa's wounded professional pride by de-



Noel Scaffa
Six months for perjury.

claring there was no evidence that Scaffa was involved in the $180,000 robbery in which Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell lost her gems in the Miami-Biltmore Hotel.

"Entitled to Leniency."

"He apparently had some [illegible] taken potion," Judge Hincks said, "that there was some higher order than the Government ... "Perhaps he believed it would ... his business ... [illegible] ... "But he should be entitled to ... leniency ... [illegible] ... and since he [illegible] ...

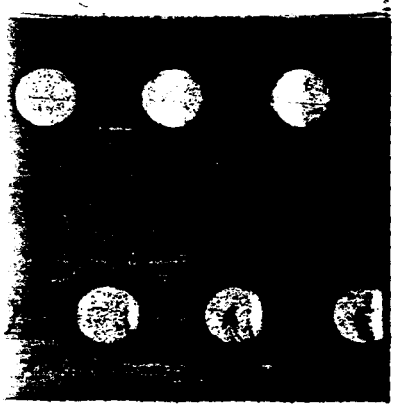
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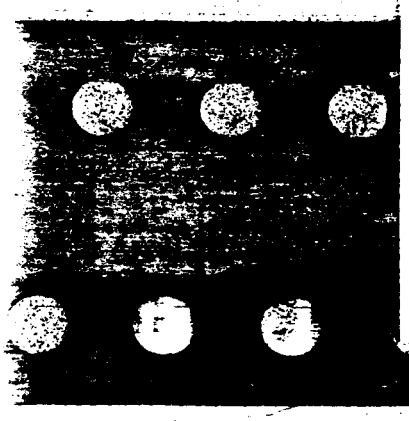
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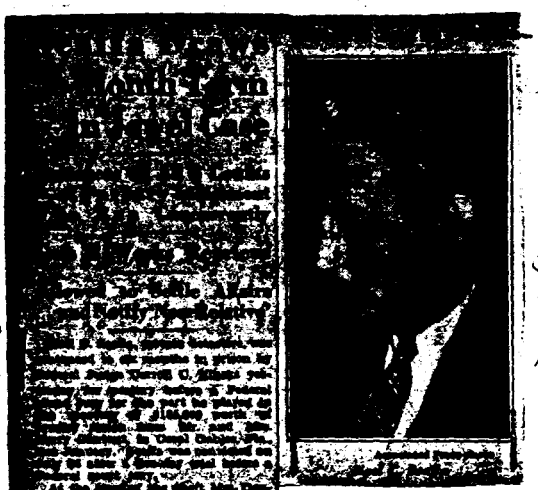
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SCAFFA, GEM 'FINDER,' GETS SIX-MONTH TERM

J. Edgar Hoover Plans Drive on Stolen Jewel Racket

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (U.P.). Noel Scaffa, private detective who gained fame as a jewel retriever, got off with a six months' perjury sentence in Federal court today, although the crime carried a maximum penalty of 15 years in Federal penitentiary. Judge C. C. Hincks said:

"He should be entitled to some leniency for his conduct during and since his trial. He has been useful to the Government."

Scaffa was convicted of perjury after G-men entered the case of the $180,000 robbery in which Mrs. Margaret Bell lost her jewels in a Miami, Fla., hotel. Scaffa, working for insurance interests, was instrumental in their recovery.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the "G-men," plans a nationwide campaign against the stolen property racket, it was revealed last night.

The drive will be directed at jewelry thefts and will seek to determine if insurance companies are aiding the racket by promising jewelry "fences" immunity from prosecution for return of the jewelry.

If any such cases are found, Hoover said, all parties will be prosecuted.

Hoover denied the campaign was an outgrowth of the case of Noel Scaffa, detective noted for ability to recover stolen jewelry for wealthy persons. It was indicated that complaints have reached the department relating to incidents in which "fences" arranged return of stolen property for promise of immunity.

Insurance companies might be tempted to deal with "fences," officials said, as they can buy back the property at a fraction of its value, return it to the owner and thus avoid paying insurance.



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SCAFFA GETS SIX MONTHS

To Serve 3 Terms Concurrently

Noel C. Scaffa, specialist in the recovery of stolen jewelry, was sentenced yesterday to serve six months in the Federal House of Detention here for perjury in connection with the robbery, in Miami, of $180,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell.

The gem sleuth was found guilty a fortnight ago, before Judge Carroll C. Hinck on three counts of an indictment charging perjury before the Federal Grand Jury. Technically, his sentence yesterday was for a term of six months on each count, but Judge Hinck ordered the sentences to run concurrently.

That marked the first chapter in a true-detective drama that had for its stage fashionable Miami, Park Ave. and Broadway. Awaiting trial for perjury, as well as actual participation in the theft,



NOEL SCAFFA

are five other noted Broadway characters. They are Robert C. Nelson, said by the police to be the most influential "fence" of stolen jewelry in the country; Frank Costello, Albert Contento, alias Al Howard; Charley (Broadway) Stern and Patsy Dyke.

Costello, most prominent of the six, has been identified with the slot machine racket in New York as general manager for the racket's biggest operator. He was proprietor of a number of exclusive night clubs and silent partner in other places.

Only a crowded criminal docket in the Federal Court keeps that sextet from being tried immediately, J. Howard Carter, Assistant U. S. Attorney, explained yesterday.

Scaffa, who admitted he got ting $30,000 as his end in returning the jewels to the insurance company that issued a policy on them, is believed to have been given the light sentence because of the aid he has given the Government since his arrest last June.

Miami Gem Theft Ring Next

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SCAFFA RECEIVES SIX MONTHS' TERM

Private Detective Sentenced for Perjury in Inquiry Into Recovery of Jewels.

HIS CONFESSION CITED

Leniency Asked Because of Hi Aid to Government in Theft of $185,000 in Gems.

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective specializing in the recovery of stolen jewels for insurance companies, was sentenced to six months in prison by Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks yesterday. Scaffa was convicted July 26 of perjury committed before a grand jury investigating the theft and recovery of $185,000 worth of jewelry stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former New York dancer, in Miami.

Sentences of six months were imposed for each of three counts, but Judge Hincks directed that they be served concurrently and postponed execution to Sept. 30 to allow Scaffa time to arrange his private affairs. He will serve in the Federal House of Detention at Eleventh and West Streets.

The maximum penalty was five years on each count. Judge Hincks pointed out there was no proof that Scaffa had had any part in the robbery and that after his conviction the detective had made a full statement to the government.

George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney, appearing as Scaffa's counsel, urged leniency on the grounds of Scaffa's previous good record and his assistance to the government. He said that Scaffa had had a "mistaken loyalty to his employer." Letters and testimonials from attorneys and insurance companies in behalf of the detective were submitted by Mr. Medalie.

In commenting that there was no evidence that Scaffa had participated in the theft of the jewelry at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, Judge Hincks added:

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Lesson for Small Thieves

An individual named Scaffa, calling himself a private detective, made it his business to "discover" and return stolen jewelry. The jewels would be stolen, and Mr. Scaffa would almost miraculously find what thief had them, get them back, return them to the owner in return for a substantial reward. Justice became interested, wondered how Private Detective Scaffa knew so much about *who* stole *what*, and he appeared in court.

He might have been sent to prison for three terms of five years each on three indictments. But there was no proof that he had actually STOLEN anything himself, no proof that he had arranged with thieves, less intelligent than himself, to do the stealing.

So Mr. Scaffa goes to prison for six months, and that covers ALL of the little incidents that might have kept him in prison for fifteen years.

The law and justice were satisfied, because a high-grade judge presided. Consequently, there is no particular moral except that the gentleman who steals a loaf of bread and goes to jail for six months or a year, as a mere matter of judiciary routine, has a good deal to learn about the profession of stealing. Also, the Angel Gabriel, who keeps track of rewards and punishments here below, must occasionally get "all mixed up."

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Walking Pawnshop Gets Stay in Gem Case

Hearing in the case of Robert [illegible] Nelson, know.. as the "walking [illegible]awnshop," who was held by U. [illegible] Commissioner Garrett W. Cot[illegible] two weeks ago on the charge [illegible] possessing the Margaret Hawkesworth Bell jewelry after it had been stolen from the former [illegible]ncer in the Miami Biltmore [illegible]tel, has been postponed until [illegible]. 2 by agreement of counsel.

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Crime

Noel C. Scaffa, famous New York private detective, must spend six months in jail for perjuring himself over the recovery of $165,000 worth of jewelry. The gems were stolen at Miami, Fla., last Jan. 26 from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell, a former dancer. She and Harry Content, 74 year old Wall street broker, who had rushed to her rescue, were bound hand and foot by the robbers. Mrs. Bell and Content were married Aug. 17. Detective Scaffa recovered the jewelry. The government suspected him of complicity and indicted him along with half a dozen alleged bandits. The worst they could find against him was perjury. For twenty years Scaffa has been famous as New York's ablest recoverer of stolen jewelry. It is estimated that he has got back $10,000,000 worth of loot.

The government doesn't give guns to its department of justice agents the minute they are sworn in. A period of training has been established. The new men are put through physical training courses. Then they are taught jiu jitsu—Japanese wrestling. Along with this they are taught snappy ways of disarming criminals and tricks of self-defense.

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U. S. AGENTS BEGIN DR... AND MOST ELUSIV...

(By Hal Hazelrigg.)

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THE underworld's richest and most elusive criminal—the "fence," or receiver of stolen goods—is the quarry of the federal agents' men's newest manhunt.

Supported by the new federal stolen property act, the government men are beginning to run to earth the go-betweens and contact men who make profitable the business of converting stolen jewelry, bonds and valuables of all kinds into cash.

The arraignment of "Chicago Red" Nelson by the United States attorney's office touches off the government's campaign in New York and other large cities against jewel robbers and those who give them aid and refuge.

Nelson is charged with having delivered the $183,000 Bell robbery loot to Noel Sraffa, the private detective who has gained international reputation for his amazing recoveries of stolen jewelry. Sraffa recently was convicted of perjury in the same case by a federal grand jury. He was prosecuted by J. Howard Carter, chief assistant United States attorney.

Nelson long has been known to police as a pawn of the big gem thieves. He was arrested as a fence in June [illegible] $20,000 worth of stolen [illegible] found in his possession. Suspected of [illegible] he received a suspended sentence on the ground that he was the tool of the gang that [illegible] and the [illegible]

Hitherto the fence and other contact men in the jewelry racket have been singularly immune to successful prosecution.

A flourishing industry has grown up between the actual robbery and the recovery of gems to the tremendous loss of insurance companies. States have found it difficult to trace the fence, to catch him with the filched goods, and finally to make the necessary identification of the goods and present a prima facie case.

The redoubtable federal agent came into the picture with the passage of the stolen property act. This law specifies that the transportation in interstate commerce of stolen property valued at $5,000 or more is a federal offense punishable by long-year imprisonment. Under [illegible] both [illegible] fall [illegible] drop [illegible] not [illegible] the load for a metropolitan [illegible] police [illegible] [illegible] to cross a state line [illegible] federal [illegible]

The robber, aside f[illegible] lethal qualities, is viewed as the least sinister figure in the jewel thievery chain. As a matter of fact, he gets little for his pains, considering the value of the loot and the risks he runs.

He cannot sell the gems because there is no direct market for them. Every stone in a big robbery is "hot." No jeweler, no furtive pawnbroker, will touch them. Policemen and detectives, private and otherwise, are after them by the score. Each stone may have a distinguishing characteristic to the expert eye.

The only safe way to sell stolen diamonds is to have them recut. This is a laborious process, bearing its own risks. Each passing day after a sensational robbery may bring the criminal nearer exposure and capture. Hence the fence.

Then the fence and all the underworld and half-world associates he draws about him the gem thief finds a way to quick money and the getaway. It is true that he must take a small sum in proportion to the value of the loot, but his reward is comparatively large, at that, in view of the ease of most jewelry [illegible]

What is the fence's role? Does he buy the stuff out of the country? Does he set out to sell the jewelry back into the trade over a period of [illegible] cutting? Sometimes, the latter method is used.

But according to federal men, a [illegible] practice has grown up whereby the force gets in touch with someone who is in a position safely to contact the insurance company covering the gems. When the contact is established, the finder delivers the jewels and splits the reward with the contact man or who ever he may designate. This is the system [illegible] government has found that for most of the stolen property.

A [illegible] case, in which forty persons have been convicted, the defense will be directed against all who have entered into collusive arrangements with criminals to recover stolen property. It will not go against lawyers, doctors, nurses and others who with knowledge of the facts have dealt with them.

Kidnap Cases

Agents Do Not Take Trail Until Victim Returns.

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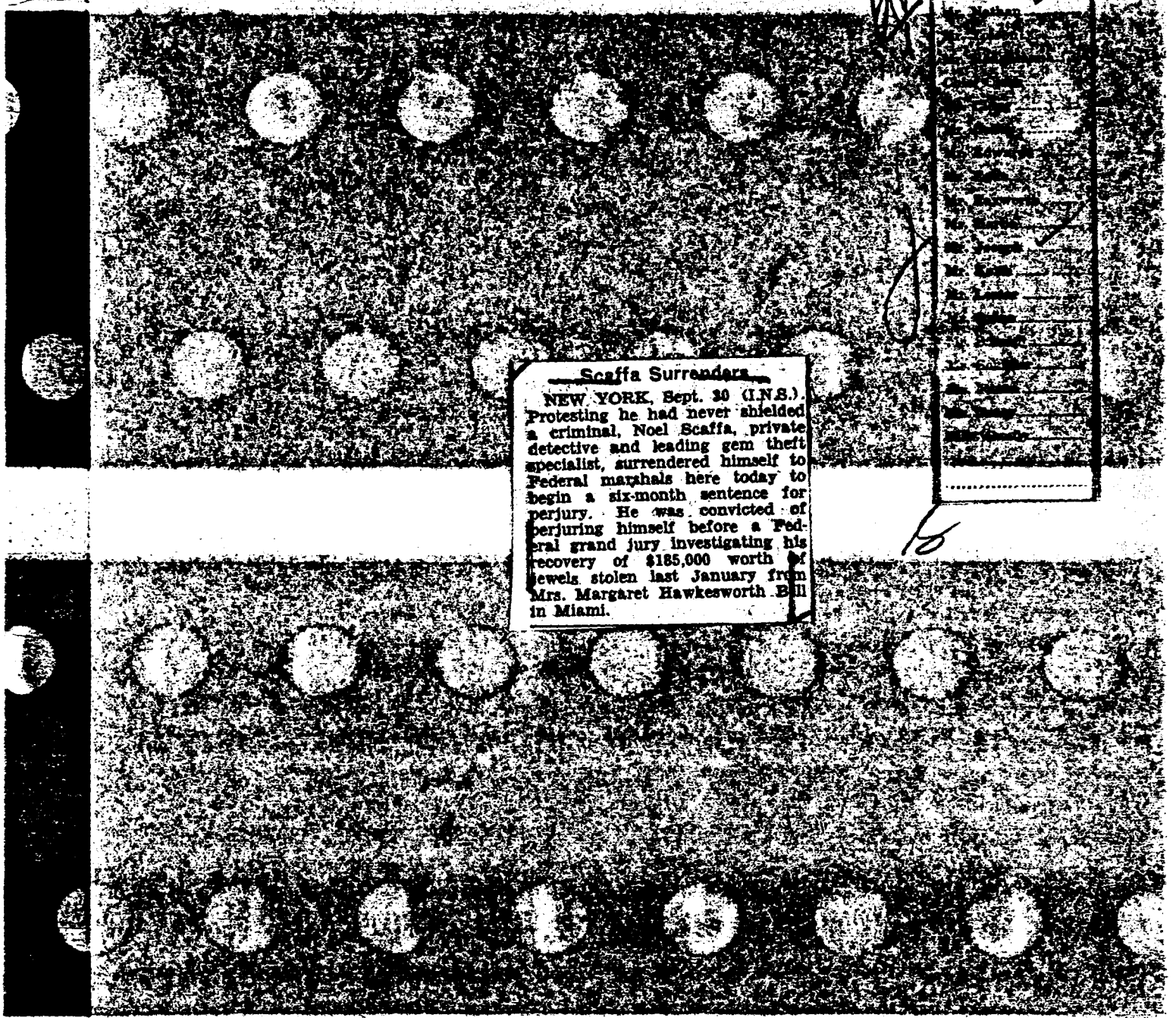
great success in this country for ten years.

Federal men, because the Bell case still is in the courts, will not comment except to say that they are "far from thru with it." It is obvious, however, that the same methods are to be used by the department of justice as with the kidnapers and gangsters terrorizing the country a short time ago.

The wave of jewel and bond robberies that has swept the country recently is comparable to the kidnaping and gangster activities of previous years. As in those crimes, the nucleus of the gangs, the men who actually seized and held the loot, is small. Yet the circles of complicity reaching from this nucleus are many, including all those persons who conspired with or aided the criminals and fences in handling the stolen property.

A [illegible] peril I exist. Between the [illegible] robbery reward and the kidnap ransom, and each has [illegible] the support of [illegible]

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Scaffa Surrenders

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (I.N.S.). Protesting he had never shielded a criminal, Noel Scaffa, private detective and leading gem theft specialist, surrendered himself to Federal marshals here today to begin a six-month sentence for perjury. He was convicted of perjuring himself before a Federal grand jury investigating his recovery of $185,000 worth of jewels stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Miami.

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SCAFFA TO BEGIN JAIL SENTENCE

Private Detective Awaits Trip to Cell Today.

Noel C. Scaffa, the private detective, surrendered to United States Marshal Raymond Mulligan today to begin the service of a six months' sentence imposed on him by Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks following his conviction by a jury several weeks ago of perjury before the Grand Jury.

Scaffa was convicted of giving false answers to questions asked him in the investigation by Federal authorities of the theft of jewels insured for $185,000 from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former dancer who recently married Harry Content, New York broker.

The jewel recovery expert was called into the case shortly after January 28, the day the jewels were stolen in a Miami Beach hotel. As an agent of the underwriters he actually recovered the valuables in New York on March 6 but for some reason not yet fully explained, arranged a roundabout method of returning them in Florida on March 18.

He told the Grand Jury, however, that he did not see the jewels or know where they were until March 18. Today in Marshal Mulligan's office he insisted that he would have to give the same answers to the Grand Jury questions if they were asked him again. The jewels were wrapped up when he recovered them and he said he was not allowed to make a statement to the Grand Jury explaining that he had received a package containing what he believed were the jewels.

He said he was told to answer the questions and that he had to say no when asked if he had seen the jewels prior to March 18.

The private detective will serve his sentence in the Federal House of Detention, Eleventh and West [illegible] and will make the trip to the prison in the Marshal's car. [illegible]

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SCOFFA BEGINS JAIL TERM

Noel C. Scaffa, em retriever, today began serving a six-month sentence for perjury concerning recovery last spring of $185,000 in gems stolen in Miami.

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Scaffa Starts Sentence

urrenders to Begin His Si Months' Term

Nicol C. Scaffa, private detective, ho gained an international reputa- on as a retriever of stolen jewels, surrendered to United States Marshal aymond J. Mulligan in the Federal uilding yesterday to start serving a months' sentence in the Federal ouse of Detention for perjury before he Federal Grand Jury which in- estigated the recovery of $185,000 in ewelry stolen from Mrs. Margaret awkesworth Bell in Miami on Janu- y 28.

entence was imposed two weeks by Judge Carroll C. Hincks in the ited States District Court, and affa was allowed two weeks respite ettle his personal affairs.

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SCAFFA ENTERS PRISON.

Private Detective Begins Servin Six-Month Term Here.

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective who has specialized in retrieving stolen jewelry, went to the Federal House of Detention yesterday to begin serving a sentence of six months imposed by Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks following his conviction of perjury before a grand jury.

The private detective, who received two weeks in which to settle his private affairs, surrendered to Raymond V. Mulligan, United States Marshal. While waiting in the latter's office, he talked to newspaper men, again insisting that he was innocent.

The grand jury before which Scaffa was accused of committing perjury was investigating the part he played in the recovery of jewelry valued at $185,000 which had been stolen from the former Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell last January at a Miami hotel.

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Surrenders . . . to begin serving his sentence.

RITZY JAIL NEW HOME OF SCAFFA

Immediately stilled, but of patient mien, willful, Noel C. Scaffa, eminent retriever of stolen gems, in whose behalf powerful influences have been brought to bear, surrendered yesterday to United States authorities and began serving six months imprisonment for perjury in the Federal House of Detention, where prisoners of prominence are reported to live as luxuriously as did the immortal Riley.

Scaffa was convicted of having perjured himself in statements before the Grand Jury relative to his connection with the misuse of funds, worth $125,000 stolen two years ago from Mrs. Margaret Duchesnois-Bell, who - [illegible]

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State Revokes Scaffa License

Revocation of the license under which Noel C. Scaffa operated his detective agency at 111 John Street was announced yesterday at the State License Department. The order revoking the license was dated September [illegible] and signed by Grace A. Reary, chief of the division of licenses. Scaffa was convicted July 26, in Federal Court, of perjury in connection with the recovery of jewelry stolen early this year from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell in Florida. He began serving a six months' sentence Monday.

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Scaffa Called Before New Grand Jury

Noel C. Scaffa, the private detective serving six months in the Federal House of Detention for perjury before the Grand Jury, was called as a witness before a new Grand Jury today which is inquiring into the case of Robert C. Nelson, race track pawnbroker and jewelry fence.

Nelson is the man from whom Scaffa obtained jewels insured for $185,500 which had been stolen in Miami Beach, Fla., from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, former dancer and now the wife of Harry Content, Wall Street broker. Scaffa's efforts to conceal his actual recovery of the jewels resulted in his being charged with perjury.

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INDICTED IN SCAFFA CASE.

Chicago Bob Nelson Added to List of Accused in Gem Theft.

Robert C. Nelson, who also is known as Chicago Bob and the Walking Pawnshop, was indicted yesterday by a Federal grand jury for the part he allegedly played with Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, and others in the recovery of jewelry stolen last January from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell, in Miami, Fla.

In addition to Scaffa the indictment named Charles Cali, Nicholas Montone, Pasquale Tesriere, Albert J. Contanto, Frank Costello and Charles (Broadway Charlie) Stern, all of whom previously had been indicted.

Nelson, who is accused of violating the National Stolen Property Act, is the only new defendant added to the list of those who already had been indicted.

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Held as Gem Fence On Tip From Scaffa

By JOHN MARTIN.

A tip from Noel C. Scaffa was credited with causing the arrest yesterday of a dapper young man as the fence in two jewel robberies in which $92,000 gems were stolen.

The arrest was closely identified with the sensational $185,000 holdup of the former Mrs. Margaret



Miss Harry Noel Scaffa

[illegible] victim and sleuth [illegible] Hawkesworth Bell at Miami Beach [illegible] Scaffa, master cat [illegible] that robbery.

Detectives under Acting Captain [illegible] Murray [illegible] 48 [illegible] Ave. [illegible] between $80,000 and $75,000.

Charles Goldsmith, [illegible] partner of Harry Conte[illegible] [illegible] Hall identified [illegible] as [illegible] Hotel Bo[illegible]

stripping it of $54,000 in jewels.

Other baubles were identified by Morris Levine, of the firm of Levine Jewels, Inc., 563 Madison Ave., as part of the $38,000 loot taken from the store last Christmas Day. Jacobson had a $1,000 diamond and sapphire bracelet stolen from the shop, in his pocket. He said he bought it for $200.

Jacobson has no record. The trunkful of precious stones found in his room, he said, he bought for $800. He wouldn't say who the seller was. But police said he was one of the biggest fences in the city for burglars of the wealthy.

Scaffa was generally credited with tipping off police to the whereabouts of Chicago Bob Nelson, the walking pawnshop arrested

[illegible] Mrs. Hawkesworth Bell at New Rochelle. Custody [illegible] Arraigned before Magistrate Louis Brodsky on a short affidavit charging him with burglary, he was held in $25,000 bail for further hearing tomorrow in Tombs Court. The high bail asked for by Assistant District Attorney Lawrence J. McManus, who said that the police have not completed their case against Jacobson.

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FISH MAN DENIES RACKET.

Lanza 'Did Favor for Friend and Was Indicted,' Attorney Says.

Joseph (Socks) Lanza, delegate of the United Sea Food Workers Union, who is accused of racketeering in the fresh-water fish market at Peck Slip, was pictured yesterday at his second trial in Federal court as a victim of a "spotlight."

Caesar Barra, his attorney, told Federal Judge Julian W. Mack and a jury that the government had brought an anti-trust action against the defendant because he had helped get a $500,000 loan for the Booth Fisheries from the Guaranty Trust Company.

"My client did a favor for a friend and soon he was indicted for something he knew nothing about," the attorney said. "He knew nothing about any conspiracy or any activity directed against the anti-trust laws."

In addition to Lanza other defendants are Thomas De Maria, Julius Busky, Tiger Products Corporation, Patsy G. Corporation and the Delta Fish Company.

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U. S. CONVICTS LANZA
5 Others Guilty in Fish Racket

Joe ("Socks") Lanza, czar of the fresh water fish racket, was convicted in Federal Court last night of conspiracy to monopolize the industry in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Julius Busky, Thomas de Maris, the Delta Fish Co., the Port Clinton Fish Co. and the Lay Fish Co. were found guilty of the same charges.

There were four counts in the indictment. The maximum penalty on each is one year's imprisonment and $5,000 fine.

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FISH RACKET CZAR GUILTY

Joe ("Socks") Lanza, czar of the fresh water fish racket, today faced jail sentence of one year and fines of $5,000 on each of five counts of conspiracy. Lanza was found guilty of conspiracy to monopolize the industry in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Julius Busky, Thomas de Mari, the Delta Fish Co., the Port Clinton Fish Co. and the Lay Fish Co. were found guilty of the same charges.

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3 FACE SENTENCE IN FISH RACKET

Socks Lanza, Union Official, Two Others Convicted for Price War.

After almost seven hours of deliberation a Federal jury last night convicted Joseph (Socks) Lanza and two co-defendants of violating the anti-trust laws in connection with the fresh water fish racket. Three fish companies were also convicted.

Lanza, a delegate of the United Sea Food Workers Union, and the co-defendants, Julius Busky, a wholesale fish dealer, and Thomas De Martin, alleged strong-arm man, face fines of $20,000 each as well as imprisonment of four years, the maximum term. They will be sentenced December 2.

Federal Judge Julian W. Mack dismissed the indictment against two other defendants, the Patsy G. Corporation and the Tiger Products Corporation, on the motion of Special Assistant Attorney General John Harlan Amen.

Lanza, Busky and De Martin were accused of threatening violence to the dealers in an effort to keep a minimum price for the sale of fresh fish.

The three firms found guilty were the Delta Fish Company, Inc., the Port Clinton Fish Company, and the Lay Fish Company.

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SOCKS LANZA CONVICTED IN FISH RACKET

Joe (Socks) Lanza, who said he "just tried to be helpful" around Fulton Fish Market, was hooked solidly last night as the biggest fish in the racket.

A jury in Federal Court found him guilty, after seven hours, of monopolizing the fresh water fish trade.

The United States Attorney's office had charged he was guilty of beating and terrorizing small dealers.

Judge Julian Mack will sentence Lanza at 10:30 A. M. Dec. 2. With him were convicted Julius Bosky, Thomas de Mariz, the Delta Fish Co., Inc., the Port Clinton Fish Co. and the Lay Fish Co. All were accused of conspiring to violate the anti-trust laws.

Socks may go to prison for four years. The four counts against him each carry one year and $5,000 fine.

Eighty-two defendants were named in the original indictment. Many pleas of guilty were entered. Finally twenty-nine went to trial last year. In July, after six weeks, a mistrial was caused by a juror who handed a note of encouragement to Government counsel. The second trial got under way two weeks ago.

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LANZA CONVICTED AS FISH RACKETEER

Wholesaler and 'Strong-Arm' Man Are Found Guilty With the Union Delegate.

JURY IS OUT SEVEN HOURS

Defendants and Corporation Headed by One of Them Face Fines Up to $20,000.

Joseph (Socks) Lanza, delegate of the United Sea Food Workers Union, and two co-defendants, accused of having been active in the fresh-water fish racket, were found guilty last night of violating the anti-trust laws. A jury in United States District Court returned a verdict at 11 P. M. after almost seven hours of deliberation.

His co-defendants were Julius Busky, a wholesaler at Peck Slip, and Thomas De Maria, alleged strong-arm man who aided the illegal combination of dealers whenever his services were required.

In addition to the three men, who were placed on trial last Oct. 31, the Delta Fish Company, Inc., which Busky heads, was an unsuccessful defendant.

The individual defendants could be fined $20,000 each as well as imprisoned for maximum terms of four years.

The jury received the case at 3:07 P. M. after hearing a charge by Federal Judge Julian W. Mack, who dismissed the indictment against two other defendants, the Patsy G. Corporation and the Tiger Products Corporation, on the motion of John Harlan Amen, Special Assistant Attorney General.

Originally there were eighty-two defendants, individuals and corporations, fish dealers and a local of a labor union. Most of them pleaded guilty. Twenty, including the present defendants, were placed on trial, but after six weeks of testimony Federal Judge Robert P. Patterson discharged the jurors after one of them had handed a note to Mr. Amen approving the government's case.

[redacted] defendants were indicted on [redacted] charges of conspiring to establish [redacted] in violation of the anti-trust laws [redacted]

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UES AS BELL GEM FINDER

ldore Neuman Asks $20,000 for Alleged Aid in Tracing Loot

suit for $20,000 for information which is alleged to have led to the recovery of the jewels stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel at Coral Gables, Fla., on Jan. 26 was filed in the Supreme Court yesterday by Ildore Neuman. Neuman contends that he intercepted a note which aided the police in finding the jewels, and has sued Henry L. Hidden, representative of Lloyd's of London, which had insured Mrs. Bell's jewels.

The plaintiff says he learned of the note last Feb. 7 after it had been sent to his son Arnold by Charles Call, who was in jail at Miami Beach and was alleged to have confessed to the robbery later. The note was addressed to the superintendent of an apartment house, Neuman asserts, and directed the disposal of certain property owned by the writer.

The plaintiff said he read the note and, sensing that it had some connection with the Bell jewel robbery referred to in the Miami newspapers, he turned it over to the police.

The defendant's answer denies that the jewels were recovered as a result of the note.

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4 JAILED, FINED IN FISH RACKET

$37,625 Assessed Against Individuals, Union and Corporations

Socks Lanza, veteran of the rackets, and three other men sentenced to prison in Federal Court today for racketeering in the fresh fish industry.

Fines amounting to $37,625 were assessed against individuals, corporations and one union involved in the racket. The technical charge was conspiracy in restraint of trade.

"I have no doubt that you were the moving spirit behind much that was done," Federal Judge Mack told Lanza. "While you have not been convicted in fifteen years, you have managed to get yourself arrested several times of late."

Lanza was ordered to prison for two years and was fined $10,000.

Twenty-eight individuals and twenty-five corporations were sentenced, but in several cases the penalties were suspended. All but three individuals and three corporations had pleaded guilty.

The union convicted was Local 594, Fishworkers' Union of Greater New York.

Judge Mack postponed sentencing two defendants. One was Jerome W. Kiselik, who was represented by the Government as being next only to Lanza in the use of violence in the fish business, but was painted by character witnesses as a good Tammany man and heavy contributor to charities. The other was Henry Chippone. No reason was given for the delay in his case.

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Many Fined, 4 Jailed in Fulton Fish Trust

The Fulton Market's fish trust was "busted" today by Federal Judge Mack with fines of $37,525 and jail sentences for four.

No. 1 culprit was Joseph "Socks" Lanza, boss terrorist of the fresh water fish racket, who was sentenced to two years in the pen and fined $10,000.

"I haven't any doubt," observed the Court, "that he was the leading spirit in much that went on.

SEVERAL ARRESTS.

"It's been a good many years since he was convicted of anything (15 years, to be exact) but he has managed to get himself arrested several times in that period."

Thirty-three individuals, 25 corporations, and the local Fishworkers' Union received sentences today, following their convictions on charges of converting the fresh water fish business into a monopoly by ultra-violent methods.

Asistant U. S. Attorney Amen listed a few of the methods:

"Beatings to dealers and their employes; destruction of trucks; cutting of tires; hurling of stench bombs——"

'DEAN' FINED

Second to "Socks" Lanza in the fine assessed was Irving Lyons, called the "Dean of the Market." His fine is $5,000 but a year's jail sentence was suspended.

Emanuel Lippman, treasurer of the Brooklyn Fish Dealers' Association, and Joseph Lappi, were jailed for six months.

Expressing sympathy for Thomas De Maria, alleged strong-arm man of the racket, because he is the father of six daughters, Judge Mack suspended his one-year sentence.

SMALLER FINES.

Smaller fines taht went to swell the grand total included the Fish Credit Association, Inc., $2,000; Bronx and Upper Manhattan Fish Dealers' Association, Inc., $500; Brooklyn Fish Dealers' Association, Inc., $750; Acme Fish Co., $500; David Finkelstein, $250; Begloff Fish Co., $500; Philip Begloff, $250; Charles Lyons Co., $1,500; Harry V. Lyons, $1,000.

Eagle Fish Co., $500; Frank Malbach, 250; Jack Malback, $1,000; Empire State Fish Co., $500; Rubin Hafter, $250; Finley Fish Co., $200; Globe Fish Co., 500; Emanuel Lippman, $500; William Lippman, $1,000 and suspended sentence of one year; Johnson Fish Co., $500; Harry Johnson, $250; Keyston Fish Co., $500.

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OCKS LANZA GETS 2 YEARS

Fined $10,000 in Fish Racket—30 Others Punished in Clean-Up.

[illegible] Judge Mack was giving the final [illegible] that sent [illegible] $50,000 [illegible] racket. He was giving out [illegible] sentences, fixing fines for thirty [illegible] twenty-five corporations [illegible] Local No. 464 of the Furriers' Union of Greater New York. All were charged with violating the Federal anti-trust laws in the fresh water fish industry.

Courage Wrote

The Judge picked up a photograph from the motley gallery of criminals. He looked at it, glanced toward Lanza, whose broad shoulders bulged out a suit of greenish-brown, whose shiny hair grew low down on his pale forehead, whose fingers twined and twitched.

"How many times have you been arrested?" asked Judge Mack.

"Four," said Lanza, biting his lip, his face as downcast as [illegible]

"You have been arrested many times," said Judge Mack, holding up the photograph. "Have you [illegible]

OCKS LANZA GETS 2 YEARS

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[illegible] in my mind that you were the leading spirit in this affair."

Court Censures Lanza.

The "affair" as alleged in Government indictments against an original list of eighty-two persons and individuals, corporations and trade unions was marked by violence, destruction of property, threats of murder, beatings, intimidation by gorillas, espionage and extortion.

"Much that went on," said Judge Mack, "could not have happened if you were not the leading spirit."

Lanza, who had passed through the Seabury investigation, more than one State inquiry and other court proceedings, heard the Court express the conviction that he should go to prison, and then heard the sentence itself.

A sentence of one year in prison was set on each of two counts and a fine of $5,000 was fixed on each of the two counts. He was sentenced to two additional years on two other counts, but these will run concurrently. [illegible] Judge Mack said [illegible] of leniency. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Fish Monopoly In N. Y. Crushed

Lanza Fined $10,000 and Given Two Years in Jail. Others Are Fined

NEW YORK (AP)—One of the most impressive monopoly-breaking efforts by the government reached its final stage in Federal Court today when thirty-one individuals were given jail sentences or fines and twenty-five corporations were fined for conspiracy in restraint of trade in the fish industry.

The total fines in the suit to break an alleged strangle hold said to have dictated supply and prices in many states reached $87,625. This included a fine of $10,000 for Joseph (Socks) Lanza, a delegate of the United Sea Food Workers Union, who also received a two-year jail sentence.

Lanza, whose case was regarded as the most important, was tried with two other men and three corporations. Julius Busky, a wholesale dealer, was convicted and fined $500. Thomas Demario was fined $250 and was given a suspended sentence of one year in jail.

The Delta Fish Co., the Port Clinton Fish Co., and the Lay Fish Co. were fined $500 each.

Many of the other individuals and corporations prosecuted by John Harlan Amen, special assistant to the attorney general, pleaded guilty. Judge Julian Mack levied fines ranging from $100 to $1,000.

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WHY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS?

NOTE again it is federal, not local, prosecution that has secured punishment of fifty-six persons involved in this city's long-flourishing fish racket, including a sentence of two years' imprisonment and a $10,000 fine for the notorious Joseph ("Socks") Lanza.

Four years ago, reporting to Governor Roosevelt on charges against District Attorney Crain, Samuel Seabury accused this same "Socks" Lanza of extortion and declared that "these crimes would have been revealed by a proper investigation."

What ails prosecution in this city that time and again it thinks it must wait for federal prosecutors to deal with local racketeers?

Is it politics? Is it protection? Is it incompetence? Is it inertia? Or is it a dire combination of all four?

It's about time for a special investigation of the reasons why federal attorneys have to come in and do the work that New York City District Attorneys have failed to do.

Such a probe would be profitable, and it might well begin with a thorough study of the Lanza case.

Why have District Attorneys at all if we have to rely on federal prosecutors for major jobs of local prosecution?

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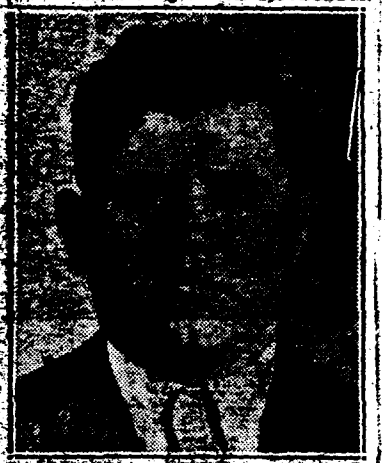
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LANZA, IMMUNE 20 YEARS, SENT TO U. S. PRISON

Twenty years of success in beating the rap on charges ranging from larceny to homicide with a gun, ended yesterday for Joe (Socks) Lanza. He drew two years in a federal penitentiary and a $10,000 fine as leader of the strong-arm element in the organization of fish dealers.

Three other jail sentences and fines aggregating $37,625 were passed out by Federal Judge Julian W. Mack to fifty-seven defendants.



Joe (Socks) Lanza

All were charged with conspiring to maintain a monopoly in the metropolitan area in violation of anti-trust laws.

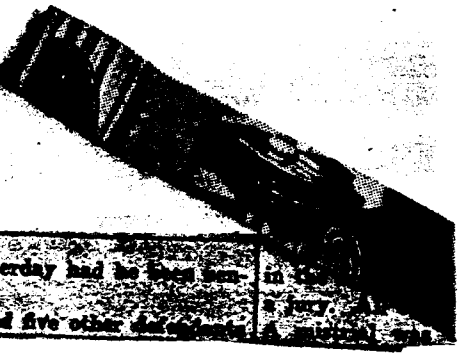
Judge Mack scored Lanza as the leading spirit in many law violations connected with the case.

"By inference," the judge said, "I think the conduct [illegible] into the pocket [illegible]

Lanza's police record includes [illegible] arrest in 1917 for assault, [illegible] robbery, [illegible] grand larceny, unlawful entry, [illegible] and conspiracy [illegible]

He passed through the Seabury investigation and more than one state inquiry unscathed. Never before yesterday had he been sentenced.

Lanza and five other defendants [illegible] a jury. A mistrial was



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FRONT MAN GETS 2 YRS. FOR PART IN FISH RACKET

Lanza's Henchman Draws $10,000 Fine in Addition to Prison Sentence.

ANOTHER GIVEN LENIENCY

Chippone's Term Suspended —Ordered to Pay $60 Levy in $5 Installments.

Jerome W. Kiselik, 31, described by the government attorneys as a "front man" for Joseph (Socks) Lanza in the fresh water fish racket, today was sentenced by Federal Judge Julian W. Mack to pay a fine of $10,000 and serve two years in prison. The confinement was suspended, but Kiselik was given only one week to pay the fine and ordered to give the government a complete financial statement.

Judge Mack concluded sentencing in the fish racket when he disposed of Kiselik and Henry Chippone. He suspended a two years' sentence for Chippone and fined him only $60, payable $5 monthly for a year.

Yesterday Judge Mack sentenced 55 individuals and corporations, including Lanza, who received a two-year prison term and a fine of $10,000. The defendants had been found guilty of violating federal anti-trust laws in the fresh water fish industry.

The Judge showed leniency today toward several sentenced yesterday. He announced that all minor figures who had been fined $100 might pay their fines in $5 monthly instalments and that 12 consecutive payments would be accepted as full satisfaction.

A six-months' prison sentence applied to Emmanuel Lippman was remitted and his $500 fine halved. He will stay on probation for two years. Benjamin Fleiderman's $100 fine was knocked off and the Pioneer Fish Co. relieved of half of its $500 fine. Fleiderman is an official of the Pioneer Fish Co.

In the trial the government asserted that Kiselik created $300 a week from the fresh water fish business as the price for [illegible]

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SOCKS' LANZA GETS 2 YEARS IN PRISON

Leader of Strong-Arm Group Who Terrorized Fish Dealers Also Is Fined $10,000.

RECORD PENALTY OF KIND

Two of His Henchmen Are Sent to Jail, Too—Sentences Are Imposed on 55 Others.

Joseph (Socks) Lanza, leader of a strong-arm group, which terrorized fresh water fish dealers at Peck Slip, received the heaviest prison term ever imposed here in an anti-trust case, when he and fifty-seven other defendants were sentenced yesterday by Federal Judge Julian W. Mack.

Judge Mack sentenced Lanza to serve two years in jail and to pay the government a fine of $10,000. At the same time he imposed lesser sentences upon two of Lanza's henchmen, Joe Lappi and Louis Palermo, who has been missing ever since he pleaded guilty to the anti-trust indictment.

The court sentenced Palermo to serve a year in prison and imposed a six-month sentence upon Lappi, who is being held in the Tombs on another charge. Emmanuel Lippman, treasurer of the Brooklyn Fish Dealers Association, was fined $500 and sentenced to serve six months in jail.

Others to Be Sentenced.

The remaining defendants, including twenty-seven individuals and twenty-five corporations and the Fish Workers Union of Greater New York and Vicinity, must pay fines ranging from $100 for the union to $2,000 for the Fish Credit Association, Inc.

All of the defendants had either pleaded guilty or been convicted under the indictment. Judge Mack deferred imposing sentence upon Saroma Kisslik and Henry Chippona. Concerning Lanza, who has a long police record, the court said:

"I haven't any doubt whatsoever that he was the leading spirit in many of the violations of the law and by inference I think that the defendant [illegible] put into his pockets."

The sentencing ends an investigation begun and carried through to conviction by John Harlan Amen, special deputy to the Attorney General, and his assistants, Albert [illegible]

Bronx and Upper Manhattan Fish Dealers Association, Inc., $500; Brooklyn Fish Dealers Association, Inc., $750; Acme Fish Company, Inc., $500; David Finkelstein, $250; Begloff Fish Company, Inc., $500; Phillip Begloff, $250; Charles Lyons Company, Inc., $1,000; Harry V. Lyons, $1,000; Eagle Fish Company, Inc., $500; Frank Malbach, $250; Jack Malbach, $1,000; Empire State Fish Company, Inc., $500; Rubin Matter, $250; Finley Fish Company, Inc., $500; Globe Fish Company, $500; William Lippman, $1,000, one year, suspended, and probation; Johnson Fish Company, Inc., $500; Harry Johnson, $250; Keystone Fish Company, Inc., $500; Irving Lyons, $5,000, eighteen months' suspended sentence and probation; Lakeside Fish Company, Inc., $500; Harry B. Aaronson, $2,500, one year, suspended sentence and probation; Max Levinson, $150; Empire Fish Company, Inc., $500; Irving Greenwald, $250; [illegible] Company, Inc., $500; [illegible] $500; [illegible] $100; Charles Lyons, $150; Penn Fish Company of New York, Inc., $100; Jack Williamson, $150; Otto Williamson, $150; Eastside Fish Company, Inc., $500; [illegible] Charles Lyons, $500; Penn Fish Company, $500; [illegible] $500; [illegible] $500; [illegible]

LANZA JAILED AFTER 20 YRS. OF IMMUNITY

Sentence 3 Other Fish Racketeers

In a sweeping stroke to stamp out racketeering in the fresh water fish industry, Federal Judge Mack yesterday sentenced four men to prison and imposed fines totaling $37,625 on 59 individuals and corporations.

Joseph "Socks" Lanza, delegate for the United Seafood Workers' Union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, was given two years and fined $10,000.

For 20 years, the Government charged, Lanza directed a terrorist campaign to mulct fish dealers, and through them the public, of millions of dollars.

Three alleged lieutenants also were jailed. Joseph Palermo, now missing, was given a year, and Joe Lappi and Emanuel Lippman six months' terms and fined $500 each.

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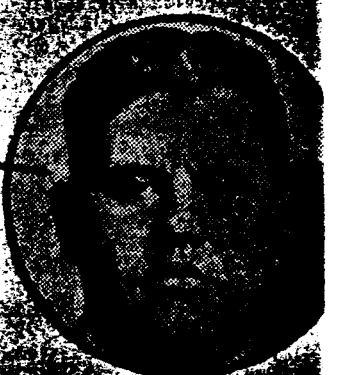
The other defendants, including numerous dealers in fish [illegible]

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[illegible] six of those named [illegible] brought to trial. The [illegible] caught in the Federal roundup [illegible] February, pleaded guilty. The [illegible] who elected to fight the char[illegible] were Lenza, Lappi, Lippm[illegible] Thomas De Maria, also an alle[illegible] strong-arm worker, and Jo[illegible] Bushy, a retail fish dea[illegible]

ADMIT FEAR

Witnesses openly admitted [illegible] of retribution when they [illegible] for the Government. They [illegible] being forced to pay from [illegible] $1,000 a year for "protection" [illegible] some described beatings [illegible] when they refused. Lenza [illegible]



"Socks" Lanza

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HOOKED FOR $10,000 AS FISH RACKETEER

Jerome Kiselik, accused as front man for Joseph (Socks) Lanza, racket czar of the fish markets, drew a $10,000 fine and a suspended two-year prison term yesterday for his part in maintaining the fish monopoly. On his plea of inability to pay the fine at present, Federal Judge Julian W. Mack gave him a month's extension.

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TRUE BILLS FOR SEVEN IN GEM HOAX REPORTED

Informer, Jewelers and Four More Named; Grand Jurors Reject Other Accusations

True bills charging seven men with conspiracy and robbery with a gun in the $35,000 jewel robbery of Milton Jackson in the loop December 8 were reported voted by the grand jury yesterday after testimony was taken for some four hours.

Meyer Bogue, ex-convict and informer for the Wholesale Jewelers' Association, who had earlier admitted planning the entire "robbery" in order to solve it by double-crossing his associates, was the main witness before the jurors.

JEWELERS NAMED.

He was one of those indicted. The others reported indicted are: Patrick J. Sullivan, South Side saloon keeper; James ("Lefty") Brezak, paroled convict and one-time associate of the slain John Dillinger; Harry Malin; Frank Pishaw, clerk in the Hart Jewelry Company, 27 E. Monroe st.; Meyer Gordon and Irving Hornstein, both jewelers.

It was reported that Sullivan, Brezak and Malin were named for robbery with a gun, as to be the trio who actually kidnaped and robbed Jackson, a New York jewelry salesman, at Wabash av. and Monroe st.

The others were said to have been named for conspiracy.

All are in custody but Hornstein and Gordon, who were named by Bogue as prospective receivers of the stolen jewels. Bogue was said to have told the grand jury that, on the Wednesday preceding the robbery, he made an agreement with Hornstein and Gordon to [illegible]

HUNT JEWELERS.

Bonds of all those named were placed at $10,000, but Assistant State's Attorney Charles S. Dougherty declared he would ask immediately that they be raised to $20,000 in each case.

State's attorney's police, meanwhile, were said to have been sent out to arrest Hornstein and Gordon.

Despite sensational statements made previously by Bogue that he would "blow the lid off the jewelry racket" by proving that certain higher-ups knew in advance of the gem theft, Mr. Dougherty declared that the informer did not substantiate these charges before the grand jury.



WILLIAM SCHLOSSMAN.
Witness at jewelry inquiry.
—International News photo.

Albert F. Silbogen and William Schlossman, members of the good and welfare committee of the jewelers' association, which hired Bogue as an "investigator," both testified before the grand jury.

Capt. John Stege, who was contacted by Bogue after the robbery, and who planned with him the capture of Hornstein and Gordon when the stolen jewelry was delivered, also testified.

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SCAFFA STRICKEN; TAKEN TO BELLEVUE

Detective Jailed in Gem Case Has Pneumonia

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, who is serving a six-month Federal sentence for perjury, was stricken with pneumonia in the Federal House of Detention today and, because of lack of facilities there, was removed to the prison ward at Bellevue Hospital.

Scaffa, whose perjury conviction grew out of his participation in the recovery of the Margaret Hawkesworth Bell jewels in Miami last January, started service of his sentence October 1.

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SCAFFA STRICKEN IN JAIL

Private Detective Taken From Federal Cell to Hospital.

Hoel C. Scaffa, private detective, who specialized in the recovery of stolen jewels for insurance companies, who was sentenced to six months in prison by Federal Judge Carroll Hincks on Sept. 16 for perjury before a grand jury, was taken from the Federal House of Detention to the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital yesterday, suffering from what Bellevue doctors say may be pneumonia.

At 9:30 A. M. a St. Vincent's Hospital ambulance called at the Federal prison, at Eleventh and West Streets, and took Mr. Scaffa to Bellevue. The police record showed that the ambulance physician had recorded the private detective's ailment as pneumonia. His conviction grew out of the theft and recovery a year ago of $185,000 worth of jewelry belonging to Mrs. Margaret H. Bell, now Mrs. Harold Content, of New York and Miami.

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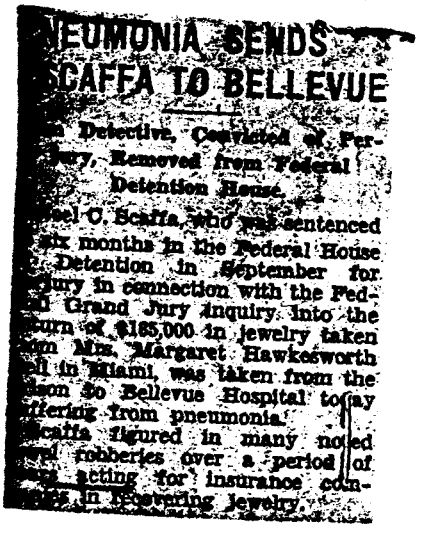
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PNEUMONIA SENDS SCAFFA TO BELLEVUE

Detective, Convicted of Perjury, Removed from Federal Detention House.

Joel C. Scaffa, who was sentenced to six months in the Federal House of Detention in September for perjury in connection with the Federal Grand Jury inquiry into the return of $185,000 in jewelry taken from Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth while in Miami, was taken from the prison to Bellevue Hospital today suffering from pneumonia.

Scaffa figured in many noted jewel robberies over a period of years, acting for insurance companies in recovering jewelry.

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LANZA DENIES FORCING UNION FINANCE APPEAL

Organizer Says Members Are Not Being Compelled to Buy Ball Tickets.

MORGAN AIDS COMPLAINED

Convicted Agent "Does Not Need Money"—Hopes to Engage Untermyer.

Joseph (Socks) Lanza, business agent and organizer of the United Sea Food Workers' Union, Local 15,975, in Fulton Fish Market today denied that the 700 members of the union were being compelled to buy five $1 tickets for a Webster Hall ball to raise funds to finance his appeal from a federal two-year jail sentence for violation of the anti-trust laws.

His denial was made when the World-Telegram asked him about complaints of union members that they were ordered to buy five tickets each.

Commissioner of Markets William Bellowes Morgan, Jr., acknowledged he heard of the Webster Hall party when some of his employees complained they were being forced to help finance Lanza's appeal.

Won't Accept Money.

Lanza had agreed that the members would all be told they needn't buy the tickets unless they wanted to, and said he was willing to have Mr. Morgan tell his own employees, members of the union, the purchases were voluntary.

Today, Lanza said that while he appreciated the union's willingness to help raise funds, he would not accept the money, if any, that is raised through the party, which is to be held at Webster Hall February [illegible]. It is described on the tickets as "Style and full dress ball."

[illegible] how the [illegible] of the said [illegible] haven't had a square deal. Lanza [illegible] whether or not the meeting [illegible] they voted to have the proceeds of the ball [illegible]

Hopes to Hire Untermyer.

At a union membership meeting in December, according to Charles Sicilian, president, the members voted to support Lanza's appeal, and at a January meeting they approved of a ball to get the money. Some members claim the action was taken without giving the opposition a chance to make itself heard and that less than a majority attended the January meeting.

"I don't need money for my appeal," said Lanza. "I hope to have Samuel Untermyer represent me, but he's not doing it for the money. I think he's interested in getting at the facts."

Mr. Untermyer is in California and his office knew nothing of his interest in the Lanza case.

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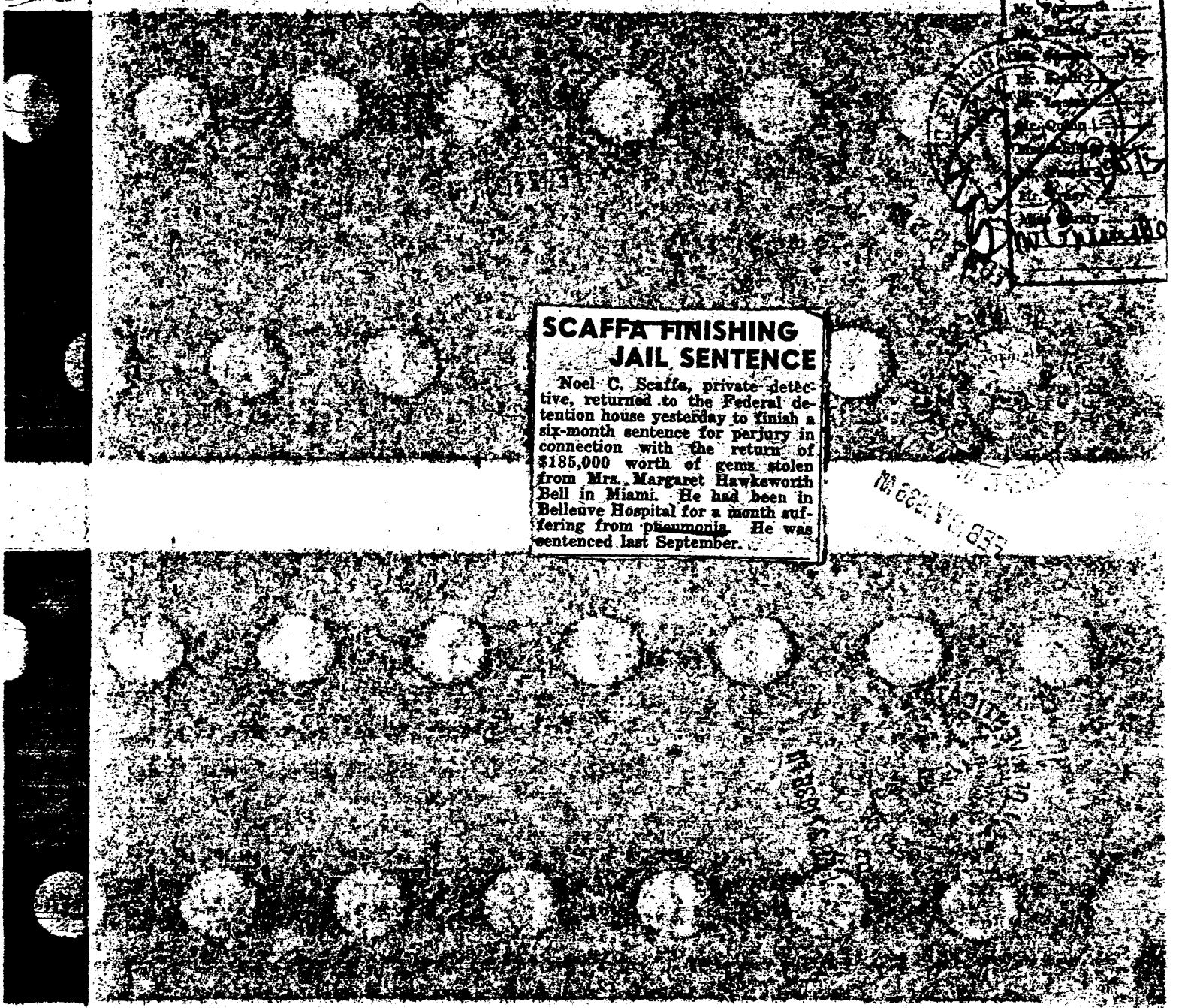
SCAFFA BACK IN JAIL

Noel G. Scaffa, the private detective, who is serving a six-month term for perjury in the Margaret Hawkesworth Bell gem case, went back to the Federal House of Detention today recovered from pneumonia which caused his removal to Bellevue Hospital January 24.

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SCAFFA FINISHING JAIL SENTENCE

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, returned to the Federal detention house yesterday to finish a six-month sentence for perjury in connection with the return of $185,000 worth of gems stolen from Mrs. Margaret Hawkeworth Bell in Miami. He had been in Bellevue Hospital for a month suffering from pneumonia. He was sentenced last September.

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376 JEWELERS ROBBED IN '35

Losses Totaled $863,752, Security Alliance Says.

FEWER ATTACKS REPORTED

Crime Committee Hails Aid Now Given by Justice Department.

During 1935, 376 jewelers were robbed and their losses aggregated $863,752, according to the annual report of the Jewelers' Security Alliance of the United States, 15 Maiden Lane, copies of which were distributed to the membership today.

The robberies included safe burglary, store burglary, window smashing, sneak theft and holdup.

The attacks on members of the organization during 1935 were about one-third less than in the previous year, or on about 6 per cent of the membership, and the losses were proportionately less than in 1934, according to Frank T. Sloan, president.

Thirty-seven rewards of $100 each were paid during the year for the arrest and conviction of forty-four thieves, one robber being killed in resisting arrest, the report shows.

In twenty of these cases, all of the stolen goods were recovered. In four cases, half of the goods were recovered. In seven cases there was no loss and in six cases, no recovery.

The report of the Travelers' Protective Service shows that no registered salesmen were robbed during 1935. There were forty robberies of non-registered salesmen, with losses amounting to $479,571.

The report of the crime committee, of which Otto H. Wormser is chairman, stated that Richard C. Murphy, counsel to the Jewelers' Security Alliance, attended the crime conference called by the Attorney-General of the United States and was able to enlist the support of the Department of Justice and the Attorney-General in the prosecution of [illegible]

"A prominent banker was robbed of jewelry alleged to be worth over $200,000," the report continued. "The robbers, Monfone and Cal[illegible], were convicted in Florida. As a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Justice in this case, four racketeers named Con-

tello, Costello, Stern and Tesoriere and the well-known 'race-track fence,' Robert Nelson, and Noel C. Scaffa, a private detective, were indicted for transporting stolen jewelry from New York to Florida.

"Scaffa, who was employed by most of the insurance companies to recovery stolen jewelry, was subsequently convicted of perjury. Since this conviction there has been a great falling off of large thefts of insured jewelry, and your committee believes that it will have a salutary effect on decrease in the professional larceny of insured jewelry for a payment for its return."

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FOOD RACKETEERS' GRIP IS UNBROKEN

Morgan Charges Dictatorship by Union Agents Continues Despite Green's Pledge

Racketeering by union agents in the food markets of the city continues to take tribute from union members and merchants, Commissioner William Fellowes Morgan of the Department of Markets said today.

Commissioner Morgan's annual report to Mayor LaGuardia said that "in union labor today in many of the food industries there is complete dictatorship." He declared that "the rank and file members of the unions do not dare say a word against their leaders."

Mr. Morgan assailed the American Federation of Labor for its alleged failure to correct the situation, despite promises by William Green, president, and Matthew Woll, vice-president of the Federation.

Cites Shochtim Case

The federation officials, Mr. Morgan's report to the Mayor said, gave no assistance to the Shochtim's Union, Local 440, in its efforts to rid itself of Charles (Tootsie) Herbert, poultry industry racketeer, and Joseph (Socks) Lanza, business agent of the United Sea Food Workers Union.

Recently at a benefit ball to help raise funds for the legal defense of Lanza, "many prominent officials of the A. F. of L." were in attendance, the Commissioner said.

Lanza was then on trial in the Federal Courts for violation of the anti-trust laws.

The "sum total" of appeals to labor to keep Herbert out of the Shochtim's union after his release from jail, was for members of the union to buy him a $4,900 car and hang a "Welcome Home, Tootsie," at the live poultry terminal of the New York Central Railroad, Mr. Morgan asserted.

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The A. F. of L. and the Racketeer

Commissioner Morgan's attack on the American Federation of Labor for its indifference to the racketeer problem in the food industry raises a question whose answer may profoundly affect the future of the labor movement in this country. Last summer William Green pledged to the Dewey investigation the full co-operation of his organization in ridding local unions of racketeer domination. Since then, Mr. Morgan reminds us, the Federation has not only passed up two specific opportunities to help drive racketeers from the food trade but in each instance has given the racketeer support. As deeds speak louder than words, it is in order to ask the A. F. of L. leadership whether it is prepared to condone if not actually to encourage the methods of gentlemen like "Tootsie" Herbert, of live poultry fame, and "Socks" Lanza, of the sea-food union.

The A. F. of L., as we all know, is made up for the most part of craft unions. Its leadership is committed to the "horizontal" type of organization as against the efforts of Mr. John L. Lewis and others to convert the labor movement to the vertical type. A major struggle impends between the two groups in which public sympathy may well play a decisive role. Are Mr. Green, Mr. Woll and their associates willing that the public should continue to identify the labor movement with the craft union?

No doubt there is unfairness in this identification. Every one is acquainted with craft unions whose responsibility to their membership and standards of conduct render their exploitation by racketeers inconceivable. On the other hand, there are such responsibility and standards have been lacking the small units into which horizontal division of industry, and the growth which these units often acquire through [illegible] unity, have unquestionably made racketeer control much easier of accomplishment than in the case of the vertical, or industrial, union, whose units are much larger and whose mixed membership resists intimidation. And the public is not given to discrimination. If it concludes that the A. F. of L. is reluctant or powerless to clean house where the demand arises it will side with Mr. Lewis.

Can the A. F. of L. afford thus to weight the scales in its disfavor? Any one conversant with the crisis it faces will, we believe, say no.

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"WAITING" NOT EVEN "WATCHFUL"

MARKETS COMMISSIONER WILLIAM FELLOWES MORGAN, JR., flatly accuses the American Federation of Labor of doing little or nothing to oust racketeers from control of local unions in the food industry hereabout. He points to the continued ascendancy of "Tootsie" Herbert, convicted racketeer, in the poultry unions; also to the undisturbed career of the notorious "Socks" Lanza as business agent for the United Sea Food Workers Union.

High A. F. of L. officials are, as usual, surprised and aggrieved at such "tirades." Vice President Matthew Woll professed ignorance of the "comebacks" of Herbert and Lanza. President Joseph P. Ryan, of the Central Trades and Labor Council, thought the racketeer union officers "had been elected in a democratic manner" and "must be giving their unions good service."

So is it ever when the A. F. of L. is asked to accept responsibility for what is going on in unions too big and powerful to be interfered with. Local autonomy and "democratic elections" furnish a standing excuse for ignoring coerced minorities that bravely try to rid unions of racketeer scars.

Special Prosecutor Dewey was to come to the aid of some of these minorities. Messrs. Woll and Ryan are right to the extent of holding that Mr. Dewey should get the Morgan evidence.

But what about the pledge given by William Green, president of the A. F. of L., to co-operate with Mr. Dewey in freeing unions from racketeers? Is that "co-operation" to be merely passive, unless and until convictions force the A. F. of L. to take sides? Is the aid to come only after the event?

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CLEAR UNIONISM'S GOOD NAME

A continued connection between certain unions in this city and racketeers is charged by Commissioner of Markets Morgan in his annual report.

These racketeers, some of whom are union leaders, oppress both the business men with whom they deal and the workers whose interests they are supposed to serve.

Worst of all is Commissioner Morgan's cha that leaders of the American Federation of Lab in this city, notably Mr. Matthew Woll, have n kept their pledge to aid in the cleanup.

Commissioner Morgan once again points t the feed, trucking and coop-renting monopolies in our poultry market, which extort some $2,000,000 a year in exorbitant charges from local housewives.

He points to the continued control exercised by "Tootsie" Herbert over the poultry union which he uses to help maintain these monopolies.

He tells of his appeal to Mr. Woll to help him keep Herbert from again assuming his job in the union on Herbert's recent release from prison.

He complains that John J. Walsh, international vice-president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of Americ helped defeat the efforts of the schochtim to oust Herbert's brother, Charles, from his office in their union.

He tells of the continued career of the notorious "Socks" Lanza as business agent of the United Sea Food Workers' Union.

Commissioner Morgan implies that he has had little cooperation from either A. F. of L. leaders or the District Attorneys of New York and Kings Counties in cleaning up these unions.

"Particularly in view of the criticism that has been leveled at the District Attorneys of New York County and Kings County," Commissioner Morgan reports to the Mayor, "it affords me the greatest pleasure to inform you that the Hon. Samuel J. Foley, District Attorney of The Bronx, has extended every cooperation to this department in the prosecution of racketeers."

The public would like to know why there has not been similar cooperation from the District Attorneys in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Friends of decent trades unionism would like to know why A. F. of L. leaders here [illegible]

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IN the vain, bizarre and mysterious world dominated by milady millionaire's fabulous gems, diamond rings, bracelets, pendants, strings, tiaras, collars and what not—there's an unusual stir these days.

Society and plutocrat possessors of the rich, glamorous gauds are likely to be considerably more concerned about their safety because of it.

Itchy fingered denizens of the underworld and the less easily spotted inhabitants of that much more insidiously and cleverly evil world which lies somewhere between the upper and lower crusts of the social pie, may feel the greedy blood quickening in their veins.

Certainly, the myriad folk who get a thrill out of thinking and reading about vast-valued precious gems they never can possess, out of catching fleeting glimpses of them on bedecked beauties at doors of opera or social functions, out of devouring accounts of their owners or of their being stolen—certainly, these folk are expectant.

For Noel C. Scaffa, strangest figure in this many-faceted world of gemmed and golden gewgaws, is out of prison again.

And the bland, Oriental-seeming, private detective who for years before his cell sentence of six months for perjury bobbed up in every big jewel robbery, and who was reputed to have recovered by secret, police-baffling stratagems around $2,500,000 worth of purloined, precious brilliants, is a personality to foment fever in any gem-hypnotized imagination.

The whole jewel-charmed world was nervous and upset when the G-men finally got Scaffa, the mystery monger. What would happen now?

Before, for years, an interesting and comparatively harmless racket had gone on:

Gems worth half a million would be stolen—as happened, notably, in the case of Mrs. Jessie Donahue, a Woolworth "Five and Ten" heiress, some years ago. Police would honestly be "in the dark." Front page excitement, several days of thrilling police research and bulletins—and then Scaffa would turn up with the jewels. They would have been "thrown into my hotel window," "handed to me in a hotel lobby by a man I scarcely knew," "tossed in the back seat of the car I was using," or "found in the owner's clothes closet." The police would be given such credit as might be due, at least. And everyone, even the thrill-loving public—would be pleased with the happy ending.

THE pretty extravaganza was put on time after time. Scaffa's "recoveries" were internationally famed. He was the genius of stolen gem detective. Even a small part of the list reads like this: Recovered jewels worth $100,000 for the James H. Snowdens, $200,000 for Mrs. Edward F. Luckenbach, $200,000 for the Wanamaker stores, $246,000 for Mrs. James E. Bell (incidentally, it was this business that spawned the perjury charge), $88,000 for Mrs. Julius Lichtenstein . . . and many, many more.

Now, it all hung on the fact that, the jewels stolen, the insurance company involved—and you can't hold half a million in gems without insurance!—was willing to pay a tall ransom to the thieves rather than the full policy value to the owner. And the further fact that the thieves knew this, and that, once having nabbed the baubles, all they had to do was make contact with the companies—without meantime running afoul of the police, or letting the particular company trick or betray them. How? Why, the old go-between business. And there was Mr. Scaffa who, through years of hard, secret and devious work as a private detective, had gotten himself to the professional point where the underworld generally knew that he could get rewards from insurance companies for stolen jewels, and the companies felt pretty certain that, if they entrusted him with the reward money, or the promise thereof, the jewels would soon come to him and that thus they would be saved the necessity of paying the policy involved.

So there, in the midst of this intangible net, sat Mr. Scaffa, the imperturbable, the suave, the man who never talked. How he managed to keep both the confidence of ten or more major insurance companies, and of heaven knows how many underworld worthies, through the years, only he could tell. But he managed to keep all square with both sides, and

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get along, save in a couple of instances, with the police as well.

Well, then; Mr. Scaffa went romantic, and having in his very ordinary and practical way recovered $246,000 in jewels stolen from Mrs. James E. Bell in a hold-up in her Miami hotel suite, put on an elaborate fiction to make it seem that the Miami police recovered the gems, and to smooth the prison path of one Nicky Montone, who gave him the purloined jewels and who had gotten himself arrested for the hold-up. G-men got after Mr. Scaffa, charging first that he had violated Federal law by transporting the stolen gems across State lines. In the end, the detective ran smack into the perjury conviction when he lied blandly to bolster up his romantic story.

However, this isn't altogether Mr. Scaffa's story, here the significant thing is that *once* Mr. Scaffa disappeared from the scene, what might be called big time gem snatches virtually dropped out of the hectic American scene. True, there were the usual grist of purse snatching, jewel store hold-ups, and the like, but not one of the big jobs such as we enumerated earlier in this story. In significant contrast is one typical of Mr. Scaffa's enforced vacation, that in which bandits forced the automobile of Ethel Shutta, stage star and wife of George Olsen, to the curb with gunfire, and relieved her of a mere $8,000 worth of jewels. Now, it all *may be coincidence* that the half-million dollar type of jewel snatch has become suddenly unpopular. Or, it may be, as many a wise boy has said, that, with Mr. Scaffa no longer sitting at the cross roads of this interesting world dominated by milady's sparklers, getting rid of the loot for a fat reward isn't so simple anymore. After all, even a half million in jewels, when you have to tote them around and deal with a canny and greedy fence is a risky business—and you don't get much for it, at that. Nothing to compare, for example, with the $65,000 that Mr. Scaffa was given, and in turn, said he gave to a mysterious "Samuel Layton" in a hotel lobby for return of the Donahue jewels.

But if Mr. Scaffa's going discomfited the would-be robbers, it had quite a similar effect, they say, upon many a high society beauty who loves to go around literally shining with a fortune in jewels. After all, Mr. Scaffa gave many of these ladies he never knew a measure of confidence. Time and again, they read, perforce, how he recovered the gems of other sparkler-addicts—and how could they escape the comforting thought that if anything should happen to their gems, there was Mr. Scaffa to get them back with insurance company rewards, no questions asked?

THERE are stories that many of them were given the jitters by the incarceration of the spectacular sleuth to the extent of having expensive, paste imitations made of their gems and wearing these in place of the real ones. It is an old dodge—that—practiced, perhaps, in antiquity and celebrated by de Maupassant in his famous tale, "The Necklace." But certain folk in the jewel business say that in the last six months—or since Mr. Scaffa was put away—there have been *more* orders for "paste" than in any similar period in many, many moons. So that in all probability New Yorkers saw this season fewer real jewels on display at the opera and Park Avenue society functions than in years.

Amusing, isn't it? to consider the psychological state of mind of folk who put a fortune in wearable jewelry and then, fearing to wear it except, mayhap, in the strict privacy of home and family, have paste imitations made and wear them about instead. Ironic, too, that persons known to possess jewels worth fortunes can wear "paste" without anyone even thinking that it is not the real McCoy, and that if a poorer person came on the scene wearing the most gorgeous imitations everyone would be equally sure as to what these were.



Noel C. Scaffa: Served Six Months for Perjury.

Why put money—fortunes—into something you can't wear with comfort and assurance, and something that can give you no real joy while locked away in a bank vault? Well, look at the lovely women pictured on this page, with fabulous jewels, Mrs. Robert L. Hague, the "Mary Lewis" of Metropolitan Opera fame; Mrs. Newbold Alexander, society woman, and Mrs. Ehrhardt Groothoff. Observe the pleasurable satisfaction produced by the gems on the beautiful faces. Perhaps there is the only answer, mysterious as that may be.

Fantastic as such an explanation may seem, review the proceedings, thumb-nail fashion, in just *one* of the stolen jewel comedies in which Mr. Scaffa played his part—the instance, for example, that led to his being jailed for perjury.

The romantic Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell returned from the races at Miami to her hotel suite one afternoon with her friend, Harry Content, New York broker. They were having cocktails when two young thugs, Nickey Montone and Charles Celi, both armed, burst into the room. Mrs. Bell had jewels worth $246,000 in her handbag.

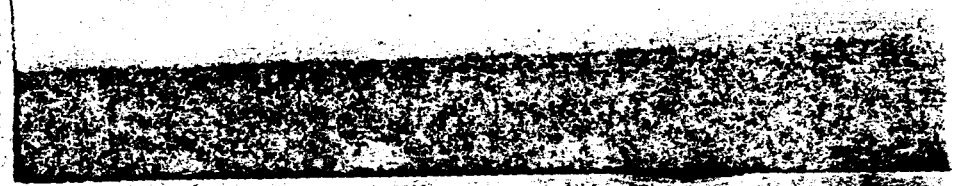
The thugs grabbed the gauds, and relieved Mr. Content of his expensive watch and his well-filled purse. Not long afterward, Cali was arrested and a bit of the jewelry was found in a boot belonging to him. Cali peached on his pal, Montone, who was arrested and returned to Florida, where they were convicted of the robbery and each given 25 years in prison.

Now, Mrs. Bell's jewels were insured by Lloyd's, London, so Henry L. Glidden, of Toplis & Harding, the foreign insurance firm's New York agent, got in touch with Noel Scaffa. The latter allowed he believed he could locate the baubles; requested and was given $50,000 to work with. That evening he brought the gems to Mr. Glidden, as Mr. Glidden later testified; also he handed back $20,000.

Now, rightly or wrongly, among those who claim to be in the know, it has always been felt that Mr. Scaffa got the jewels from confederates of Nickey Montone in New York. At any rate, Mr. Glidden later said that Mr. Scaffa requested, again, that the jewels be sent to Miami so that it might appear they were recovered there, and the Miami police be allowed to save their faces. So—just like that—the big insurance company sent the jewels in care of a trusted man to Miami, with instructions to turn them over to Scaffa who also went there.

Court records show that the sleuth refused to take them for several days, while he conducted certain mysterious negotiations, and the trusted emissary all but collapsed from fear and worry. Finally, Scaffa had him put the baubles in a keylocker in a bus terminal, and took the key. Later, the then police chief, Eugene Bryant, opened the locker and triumphantly "recovered' the gems.

And if it hadn't been for the G-men, Mr. Scaffa would have chalked up another "victory." But the Feds got him before a jury where he made the mistake of saying he never saw the jewels until after Bryant found them, that he received $2,500 instead of around $14,000 for his trouble from the insurance company—and the Feds hung the perjury charge on him.



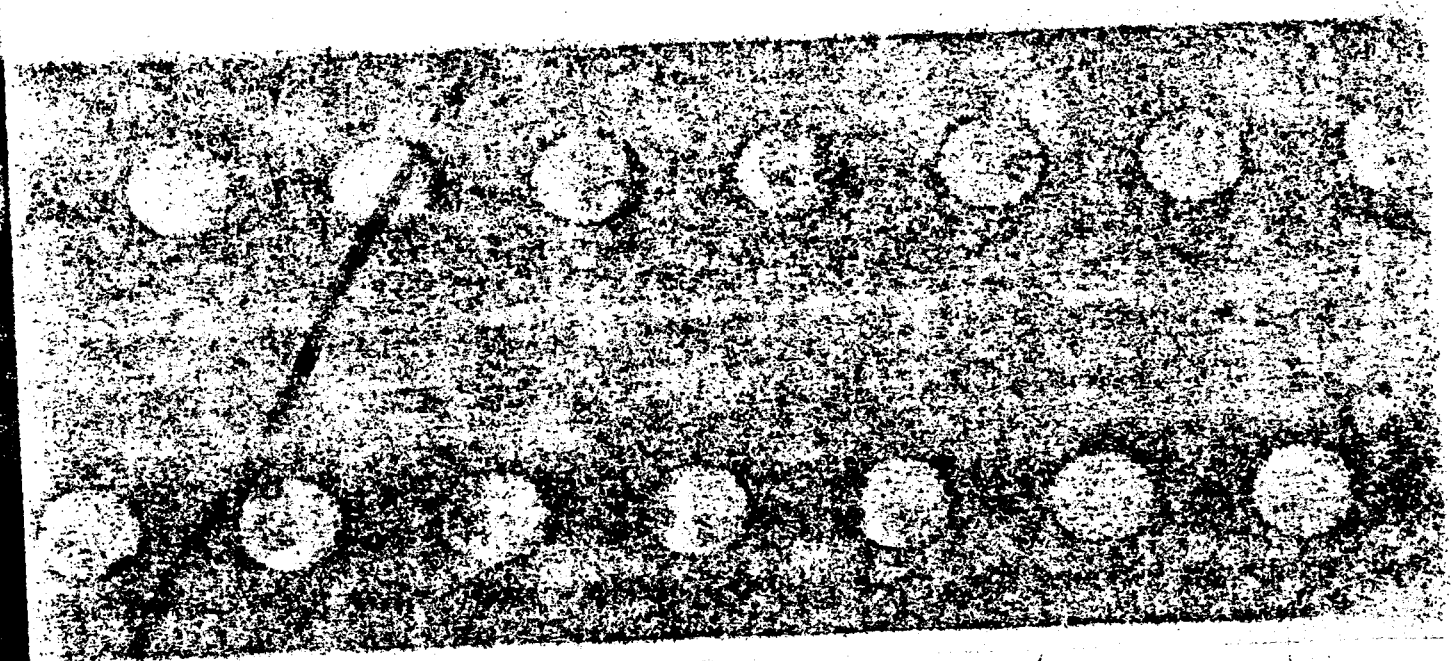
But the enigmatic Mr. Scaffa is at liberty. His exploits, indeed, are immortalized in a new medium, for Hollywood producers make no secret of the fact that a forthcoming motion picture, "Big Eyes," is built around his career.

Will he be able to assume again, the place in the world dominated by fabulous jewels which he formerly occupied—which none other has been able to fill?

Will certain gem-possessed beauties, with returning confidence, put away their paste, and dust off the real sparklers from out the vaults? Or will worthy jewel owners be increasingly careful?

Will the underworld gem snatchers step up and get busy?

For his part, Mr. Scaffa preserves a discreet and non-commital silence these days.



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"STAR OF BURMA"

That Is the Romantic Name of the Famous 83-Carat Ruby, Which Forms the Center of the $170,000 Piece of Jewelry Worn by Mary Lewis, Opera Diva, at a Recent Diamond Fashion Show at the Ritz-Carlton. The Bauble Included 6,000 Diamonds and 150 Rubies, Perfectly Matched.

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U. S. FINES 22 IN FISH RACKET

The government today ordered fines aggregating $12,000 against 22 Fulton Market fish dealers accused of using racketeering methods in the wholesale saltwater fish market, and who entered pleas of nolle contendere (no argument) to the charge.

Federal Judge Julian W. Mack fixed the fines as follows:

$750 each—Lockwood & Winant; Ackerly & Sandiford; Anderson and Price Fish Corp.; Chesbro Bros. & Robbins., Inc.; John Feeney, Inc.; Alvah W. Haff, Inc.; Caleb Haley & Company; J. J. Hanson, Inc.; New York Fish Co.; H. M. Rogers & Co.; Wallace Keeney Lynch Corp.; Frank W. Wilkinson, Inc.; J. L. Stewart Co.

OTHER FINES.

$250 each: Blue Ribbon Fish Co., Inc.; Century Fish Co., Berman Fish Co., Flag Fish Co., Inc., Galilee Fish Company, Inc., Brien & Hahom, Inc., M. P. Levy Co., J. M. Minugh Co. and the Beyer Fish Company.

$100 each—fines ordered but suspended: R. J. Cornelius Fish Co., Thomas DeMaria, Meyer Lippman.

The defendants were accused of conspiracy to hinder, prevent and restrain shippers from shipping, selling or transporting salt water fish to New York except at minimum prices and upon terms and conditions fixed by the defendants.

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Amen's Federal 3-Year Drive Crowned by End of Ring; Lanzo's Fate Scared Rest

Cleaning up on the Federal prosecution of racketeers in the fish market, Federal Judge Mack imposed fines yesterday totalling $12,000 on 22 firms that refused to defend the charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust laws.

It marked the end of a three-year fight by Federal agencies to smash the line-up which dropped uncomputed thousands of dollars into the laps of the racketeers who participated in the $20,000,000 a year fish business.

Amen Credited

The firms yesterday with their pleas of nolo contendere are believed to have been influenced by the successful prosecution of Joseph "Socks" Lanzo, known as the Czar of the Fulton Market. Lanzo, an old associate of Johnny Torrio, was sentenced to serve two years in prison and pay a fine of $10,000, the maximum sentence.

The prosecution of the racket has been in the hands of John Harlan Amen.

Fines Imposed

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Fines of $250 each were imposed [illegible] Blue Ribbon Fish Company; [illegible] Canbury Fish Company; [illegible] Fish Company; [illegible] Company, Inc.; [illegible] Fish Co., Inc.; [illegible] Fish Co.

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Sentence Of Bandits Is Upheld

TALLAHASSEE, March 22. (Special)—Failure of attorneys to file a written brief in behalf of Charles Cali and Nicholas Montone, convicted in Dade county in 1935 for a $185,000 jewel robbery and holdup in the Miami Biltmore hotel, resulted today in the Supreme court upholding their sentences to 20 years in prison on convictions for armed robbery.

The court held that failure to file a brief with the appeal of the two men from the lower court conviction was in violation of supreme court regulations, and that the appeal could not stand.

Cali and Montone were convicted of holding up Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth Bell Content and her escort, Harry Content, whom she later married, in the hotel in February, 1935. They were reported to have taken jewelry valued by Mrs. Content at $185,000 from her and to have taken jewels and valuables from Content.

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Calling All Stars, Wherein Books Are Sold and a Job Is Lost

By LEONARD LYONS

Joseph E. Davies: Mrs. Jimmy Collins, widow of the famed aviator who wrote "Test Pilot," just received word that 50,000 copies of that book have been sold in Russia. The news is most heartening, except for one little hitch. Royalties cannot be taken out of Russia...**Noel Scaffa:** The Broadway Cabaret Squad, formed a few months ago as the result of jewel robberies in night clubs, was disbanded officially Monday night...**Paramount Films:** Your workmen finally made an easel out of the painter's scaffold they had placed in Russell Patterson's office. But the easel is so large now that Patterson can't get into the office...Equity London's Claridge, which once barred theatrical and film people from its hotel register, has turned over its new penthouse to Mary Pick[illegible]

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Al Howard's Wife Names Hat Checker

Al Howard, night club operator and well-known Broadway figure, checked his hat with a pert check-room beauty in Miami. When he departed he re-



Blonde Marie La Mont, ex-"Follies" dancer, is asking $26,000 a year alimony from her husband, Al Howard, and that's money even back stage in a musical show.

(NEWS photo)

lieved both the hat and the girl. This charge was made in Supreme Court, Manhattan, yesterday by his wife, blonde Marie La Mont, former Follies dancer.

Howard, she complained, checked his marital vows when he met the check-room [illegible]

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OVER the RIVER

By EDWARD ZELTNER



STUFF AND NONSENSE.

Get out of town is the theme song of dips and hoodlums who discovered that Lt. Big Tom Fitzgerald is sleuthing in the World of Tomorrow...Fitz, in the dept. 27 years, has received 12 citations... He and his partner, Mickey McNamara (now behind a desk in a Manh'tt'n precinct), cracked those famous jewel robberies in Miami in '32 with the Harry Skidmore pinch, nailed Nick Montonie and involved Vogel Scaffa. Remember?...Members of the No'th Carolina Governor's hospitality committee at the Fair attended the aquacade last p. m. to give three cheers for Charlotte's favorite beauty—Martha Wrenshall...Maestro Benny Goodman is wooing Nick Fetool, the drummer in Jerry Blaine's crew...Boro political biggies will meet within two weeks to frame local slates for the Fall elections.

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Boy Cop Gets 'Chicago Bob'

Jewel Fence Has Amazing History

The police say that Miss Shanley obtained evidence that Nelson had bought part of the loot at a jewelry exchange at 66 Bowery last April 18. She also obtained evidence on which two men were arrested at the Bowery address and three others arrested elsewhere before Miss Shanley arrested old "Chicago Bob" in the line-up today. Nelson ad-

[illegible] that [illegible] a tenth [illegible] had been identified [illegible] victims and that the po[illegible] quickly returned to the priva[illegible] worth more than $[illegible] [illegible] General Sessions Judge C[illegible] [illegible] Collins marked down [illegible] of these jewels to $260,000 [illegible] after a long court battle Ne[illegible] convicted before Judge Co[illegible] of receiving stolen property [illegible] diamond bracelets, valued at $[illegible] stolen from Miss Verna Pearso[illegible] Margate, N. J.

A New Trial.

Nelson was sentenced to ser[illegible] to eight years in Sing Sing o[illegible] 27, 1931, but fought a new trial [illegible] the ground that the stolen bracelets weighed more than eleven carats and the bracelets in evidence against him weighed less than ten carats. He put up $85,000 bail and remained free until his conviction was affirmed in 1932. In August, 1933, however, Governor Lehman commuted his sentence. And in the jewelry today Nelson insisted that the two bracelets had been returned to

In 1935 Nelson was indicted as a fence in connection with the $185,000 jewel robbery of Mrs. Margaret Hawkesworth Bell at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Fla. It was in connection with this case that Noel Sedita, the private de-

tective, was convicted of perjury after it was charged, he had recovered the gems by buying them from Nelson for $45,000. No one seemed to know off hand today just what was the disposition of this indictment against Nelson.

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Jewel Thief Wins Chance to Go Straight

NEW YORK, Nov. 10 (U.P.)—Nicholas "Little Nick" Montone, 31, who served seven and one-half years in prison in Florida for stealing $246,000 worth of jewels from the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, won a chance to go straight yesterday.

Montone was picked up a few days after leaving prison on a vagrancy charge in Brooklyn for violating a rule forbidding parolees from loitering in barrooms. Magistrate Nicholas Pinto ruled today that the rule only applied to parolees with two criminal convictions and turned Montone loose. Montone said he had a "good job."

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